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☞ The Society intends to complete forthwith the Reprints of its out-of-print Texts of the year 1866. Prof. Skeat has finished *Partenay*; Dr. McKnight of Cornell is re-editing *King Horn* and *Floris and Blanchefleur*; Dr. Otto Glauning has undertaken *Seinte Marherete*; and Dr. Furnivall has *Hali Meidenhad* and his *Political, Religious and Love Poems* in type, so that the Society may have all its Texts in print in 1901. As the cost of these Reprints, if they were not needed, would have been devoted to fresh Texts, the Reprints will be sent to all Members in lieu of such Texts. Though called 'Reprints,' these books are new editions, generally with valuable additions, a fact not noticed by a few careless receivers of them, who have complained that they already had the volumes.

☞ The friends of the Society's Founder and Director, Dr. F. J. Furnivall, to commemorate his 75th Birthday on Feb. 4, 1900, raised a Fund to present him with his Portrait, and a big three-scuttling Boat for his Sunday outings, and to benefit his Early English Text Society. Out of this Fund, its Committee decided to devote £200 towards a new edition of Dr. F.'s Robert of Brunne's *Handlyng Synne*, A.D. 1303, and its French original, William of Waddington's *Manuel des Pechiez*, ab. 1260 (Roxburghe Club, 1861), for the Original Series of the E. E. T. Soc. in 1901; and another £200 to lessen the Society's debts to its printers, Clay and Sons, and the Clarendon Press. These sums have now been paid, and will set free the like part of the Society's money for its Reprints, which are necessary to enable it to supply complete sets of its Texts. The thanks of the Society are hereby given to the Subscribers to the Furnivall Birthday Fund.

December 1900. For this year the Original-Series Texts have all been issued. Two for 1901 are now ready. The texts of several other works are also in type, but wait for Introductions. In the Extra Series only one Text has been issued, the other two should be ready in the spring of 1901. For next year, two Texts are nearly ready, and the third will go to press in March. Mr. I. Gollancz apologises for his great delay in finishing his little Hoccleve volume for 1897: he has been so very busy with other books, lectures, &c.

The Original-Series Texts for 1899 are No. 112, *Merlin*, Part IV, Prof. W. E. Mead's *Outlines of the Legend of Merlin*, with Glossary, &c., and No. 113, *Queen Elizabeth's Englishings of Boethius de Consolatione*, Plutarch's *De Curiositate*, and part of Horace, *De Arte Poetica*, edited from the unique MS. (a portion in the Queen's own hand) in the Public Record Office, London, by the late Miss C. Pemberton, with a Facsimile, and a note on the Queen's use of *i* for long *e*.

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The Original-Series Texts for 1900 are No. 114, Part IV (the last) of Prof. Skeat's edition of Aelfric's *Metrical Lives of Saints*; No. 115, *Jacob's Well*, a quaint allegorical treatise on the cleansing and building-up of Man's Conscience, edited from the unique MS. in Salisbury Cathedral, by Dr. J. W. Brandeis, Part I; and No. 116, *An Old-English Martyrology*, re-edited from four MSS. by Dr. G. Herzfeld.

The Extra-Series Texts for 1900 are No. LXXIX, *Caxton's Dialogues, English and French*, 1481-3, edited by Henry Bradley, M.A., No. LXXX, *Gower's Confessio Amantis*, vol. 1, edited by G. C. Macaulay, M.A., and No. LXXXI, *Nightingale and other Poems*, edited by Dr. Otto Glauning. The E. E. T. Soc. has taken advantage of the Clarendon Press publication of all Gower's Works (edited by Mr. Macaulay) to secure copies of the englisht *Confessio Amantis* at a reduced price as part of the Society's Extra-Series. The two volumes will probably be ready in February, 1901.

The Original-Series Texts for 1901 will be No. 117, Part II of the *Minor Poems of the Vernon MS.* (of which the text is all printed), edited by Dr. F. J. Furnivall, *The Lay Folk's Catechism* by Archbp. Thoresby, edited by the late Canon Simmons, and the Rev. H. E. Nolloth, M.A.; and Robert of Brunne's *Handlyng Synne*, A.D. 1303, and the French poem on which it was founded, Wm. of Waddington's *Manuel des Pechiez*, ab. 1260 A.D.

The Extra-Series Texts for 1901 will be, No. LXXXII, *Gower's Confessio Amantis*, vol. 2, edited by G. C. Macaulay, M.A., No. LXXXIII, Lydgate's *DeGuilleville's Pilgrimage of the Life of Man*, Part II, edited by Dr. F. J. Furnivall, and No. LXXXIV, Lydgate's *Reason and Sensuality*, edited by Dr. Ernst Sieper.

The Extra-Series Texts for 1902 ought to be the Second Part of the prose Romance of *Melusine*—Introduction, with ten facsimiles of the best woodblocks of the old foreign black-letter editions, Glossary, &c., by A. K. Donald, B.A. (now in India); and a new edition of the famous Early-English Dictionary (English and Latin), *Promptorium Parvulorum*, from the Winchester MS., ab. 1440 A.D.: in this, the Editor, the Rev. A. L. Mayhew, M.A., will follow and print his MS. not only in its arrangement of nouns first, and verbs second, under every letter of the Alphabet, but also in its giving of the flexions of the words. The Society's edition will thus be the first modern one that really represents its original, a point on which

Mr. Mayhew's insistence will meet with the sympathy of all our Members. But if these Texts are not ready, substitutes will be taken from the others next mentioned.

The Extra-Series Texts for 1903 will be chosen from Miss Rickert's re-edition of the Romance of *Emare*; Mr. I. Gollancz's re-edition of two Alliterative Poems, *Winner and Waster*, &c., ab. 1360, lately issued for the Roxburghe Club; Dr. Norman Moore's re-edition of *The Book of the Foundation of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London*, from the unique MS. ab. 1425, which gives an account of the Founder, Rahere, and the miraculous cures wrought at the Hospital; *The Craft of Nombrynge*, with other of the earliest enlight Treatises on Arithmetic, edited by R. Steele, B.A.; *Alexander Scott's Poems*, 1568, from the unique Edinburgh MS., ed. A. K. Donald, B.A.

An urgent appeal is hereby made to Members to increase the list of Subscribers to the E. E. Text Society. It is nothing less than a scandal that the Hellenic Society should have nearly 1000 members, while the Early English Text Society has not 300!

The Original-Series Texts for 1902 and 1903 will probably be chosen from Part II of the *Exeter Book*—Anglo-Saxon Poems from the unique MS. in Exeter Cathedral—re-edited by Israel Gollancz, M.A.; Part II of Dr. Holthausen's *Vices and Virtues*; Part II of *Jacob's Well*, edited by Dr. Brandeis; the Alliterative *Siege of Jerusalem*, edited by the late Prof. Dr. E. Kölbing and Prof. Dr. Kaluza; Miss Lejeune's Introduction and Glossary to the *Minor Poems of the Vernon MS.*; Prof. Bruce's Introduction to *The English Conquest of Ireland*, Part II; Dr. Furnivall's edition of the *Lichfield Gilds*, which is all printed, and waits only for the Introduction, that Prof. E. C. K. Gonner has kindly undertaken to write for the book.

The Texts for the Extra Series in 1904 and 1905 will be chosen from *The Three Kings' Sons*, Part II, the Introduction &c. by Prof. Dr. Leon Kellner; Part II of *The Chester Plays*, re-edited from the MSS., with a full collation of the formerly missing Devonshire MS., by Mr. G. England and Dr. Matthews; the Parallel-Text of the only two MSS. of the *Owl and Nightingale*, edited by Mr. G. F. H. Sykes (at press); Prof. Jespersen's editions of John Hart's *Orthographie* (MS. 1551 A.D.; blackletter 1569), and *Method to teach Reading*, 1570; Deguilleville's *Pilgrimage of the Sowle*, in English prose, edited by Prof. Dr. L. Kellner. (For the three prose versions of *The Pilgrimage of the Life of Man*—two English, one French—an Editor is wanted.) Members are asked to realise the fact that the Society has now 50 years' work on its Lists,—at its present rate of production,—and that there is from 100 to 200 more years' work to come after that. The year 2000 will not see finish all the Texts that the Society ought to print. The need of more Members and money is urgent.

Before his death in 1895, Mr. G. N. Currie was preparing an edition of the 15th and 16th century Prose Versions of Guillaume de Deguilleville's *Pilgrimage of the Life of Man*, with the French prose version by Jean Gallopes, from Lord Aldenham's MS., he having generously promised to pay the extra cost of printing the French text, and engraving one or two of the illuminations in his MS. But Mr. Currie, when on his deathbed, charged a friend to burn all his MSS. which lay in a corner of his room, and unluckily all the E. E. T. S.'s copies of the Deguilleville prose versions were with them, and were burnt with them, so that the Society will be put to the cost of fresh copies, Mr. Currie having died in debt.

Guillaume de Deguilleville, monk of the Cistercian abbey of Chaalis, in the diocese of Senlis, wrote his first verse *Pelerinage de l'Homme* in 1330-1 when he was 36.¹ Twenty-five (or six) years after, in 1355, he revised his poem, and issued a second version of it,² a revision of which was printed ab. 1500. Of the prose representative of the first version, 1330-1, a prose Englishing, about 1430 A.D., was edited by Mr. Aldis Wright for the Roxburghe Club in 1869, from MS. Ff. 5. 30 in the Cambridge University Library. Other copies of this prose English are in the Hunterian Museum, Glasgow, Q. 2. 25; Univ. Coll. and Corpus Christi, Oxford³; and the Laud Collection in the Bodleian, no. 740. A copy in the Northern dialect is MS. G. 21, in St. John's Coll., Cambridge, and this is the MS. which will be edited for the E. E. Text Society. The Laud MS. 740 was somewhat condensed and modernised, in the 17th century, into MS. Ff. 6. 30, in the Cambridge University Library:⁴ "The Pilgrime or the Pilgrimage of Man in this World," copied by Will. Baspoole, whose copy "was verbatim written by Walter Parker, 1645, and from thence transcribed by G. G. 1649; and from thence by W. A. 1655." This last copy may have been read by, or its story reported to, Bunyan, and may have been the groundwork of his *Pilgrim's Progress*. It will be edited for the E. E. T. Soc., its text running under the earlier English, as in Mr. Hertridge's edition of the *Gesta Romanorum* for the Society. In February 1464,⁵ Jean Gallopes—a clerk of Angers,

¹ He was born about 1295. See Abbé GOUJET's *Bibliothèque française*, Vol. IX, p. 73-4.—P. M. The Roxburghe Club printed the 1st version in 1893.

² The Roxburghe Club's copy of this 2nd version was lent to Mr. Currie, and unluckily burnt too with his other MSS.

³ These 3 MSS. have not yet been collated, but are believed to be all of the same version.

⁴ Another MS. is in the Pepys Library.

⁵ According to Lord Aldenham's MS.

afterwards chaplain to John, Duke of Bedford, Regent of France—turned Deguilleville's first verse *Pèlerinage* into a prose *Pèlerinage de la vie humaine*.¹ By the kindness of Lord Aldenham, as above mentioned, Gallopes's French text will be printed opposite the early prose northern Englishing in the Society's edition.

The Second Version of Deguilleville's *Pèlerinage de l'Homme*, A.D. 1355 or -6, was englished in verse by Lydgate in 1426. Of Lydgate's poem, the larger part is in the Cotton MS. Vitellius C. xiii (leaves 2-308). This MS. leaves out Chaucer's englishing of Deguilleville's *A B C* or *Prayer to the Virgin*, of which the successive stanzas start with A, B, C, and run all thro' the alphabet; and it has 2 main gaps, besides many small ones from the tops of leaves being burnt in the Cotton fire. All these gaps (save the A B C) will be filled up from the Stowe MS. 952 (which old John Stowe completed) and from the end of the other imperfect MS. Cotton, Tiberius A vii. Thanks to the diligence of the old Elizabethan tailor and manuscript-lover, a complete text of Lydgate's poem can be given. The British Museum French MSS. (Harleian 4399,² and Additional 22,937³ and 25,594⁴) are all of the First Version.

Besides his first *Pèlerinage de l'homme* in its two versions, Deguilleville wrote a second, "de l'ame separee du corps," and a third, "de nostre seigneur Jesus." Of the second, a prose Englishing of 1413, *The Pilgrimage of the Soule* (with poems by Hoccleve, already printed for the Society with that author's *Regement of Princes*), exists in the Egerton MS. 615,⁵ at Hatfield, Cambridge (Univ. Kk. 1. 7, and Caius), Oxford (Univ. Coll. and Corpus), and in Caxton's edition of 1483. This version has 'somewhat of addicions' as Caxton says, and some shortenings too, as the maker of both, the first translator, tells us in the MSS. Caxton leaves out the earlier englisher's interesting Epilog in the Egerton MS. This prose englishing of the *Soule* will be edited for the Society by Prof. Dr. Leon Kellner after that of the *Man* is finished, and will have Gallopes's French opposite it, from Lord Aldenham's MS., as his gift to the Society. Of the *Pilgrimage of Jesus*, no englishing is known.

As to the MS. Anglo-Saxon Psalters, Dr. Hy. Sweet has edited the oldest MS., the Vespasian, in his *Oldest English Texts* for the Society, and Mr. Harsley has edited the latest, c. 1150, Eadwine's Canterbury Psalter. The other MSS., except the Paris one, being interlinear versions,—some of the Roman-Latin redaction, and some of the Gallican,—Prof. Logeman has prepared for press, a Parallel-Text edition of the first twelve Psalms, to start the complete work. He will do his best to get the Paris Psalter—tho' it is not an interlinear one—into this collective edition; but the additional matter, especially in the Verse-Psalms, is very difficult to manage. If the Paris text cannot be parallelised, it will form a separate volume. The Early English Psalters are all independent versions, and will follow separately in due course.

Through the good offices of the Examiners, some of the books for the Early-English Examinations of the University of London will be chosen from the Society's publications, the Committee having undertaken to supply such books to students at a large reduction in price. The net profits from these sales will be applied to the Society's Reprints.

Members are reminded that *fresh Subscribers are always wanted*, and that the Committee can at any time, on short notice, send to press an additional Thousand Pounds' worth of work.

The Subscribers to the Original Series must be prepared for the issue of the whole of the Early English *Lives of Saints*, sooner or later. The Society cannot leave out any of them, even though some are dull. The Sinners would doubtless be much more interesting. But in many Saints' Lives will be found valuable incidental details of our forefathers' social state, and all are worthful for the history of our language. The Lives may be looked on as the religious romances or story-books of their period.

The Standard Collection of Saints' Lives in the Corpus and Ashmole MSS., the Harleian MS. 2277, &c. will repeat the Laud set, our No. 87, with additions, and in right order. (The foundation MS. (Laud 108) had to be printed first, to prevent quite unwieldy collations.) The Supplementary Lives from the Vernon and other MSS. will form one or two separate volumes.

Besides the Saints' Lives, Trevisa's englishing of *Bartholomæus de Proprietatibus Rerum*, the mediæval Cyclopædia of Science, &c., will be the Society's next big undertaking. Dr. R. von Fleischhacker will edit it. Prof. Napier of Oxford, wishing to have the whole of our MS. Anglo-Saxon in type, and accessible to students, will edit for the Society all the unprinted and other Anglo-Saxon Homilies which are not included in Thorpe's edition of Ælfric's prose,⁶ Dr. Morris's of the Blickling Homilies, and Prof. Skeat's of Ælfric's Metrical

¹ These were printed in France, late in the 15th or early in the 16th century.

² 15th cent., containing only the *Vie humaine*.

³ 15th cent., containing all the 3 Pilgrimages, the 3rd being Jesus Christ's.

⁴ 14th cent., containing the *Vie humaine* and the 2nd Pilgrimage, *de l'Ame*: both incomplete.

⁵ Ab. 1430, 106 leaves (leaf 1 of text wanting), with illuminations of nice little devils—red, green, tawny &c.—and damned souls, fires, angels &c.

⁶ Of these, Mr. Harsley is preparing a new edition, with collations of all the MSS. Many copies of Thorpe's book, not issued by the Ælfric Society, are still in stock.

Of the Vercelli Homilies, the Society has bought the copy made by Prof. G. Lattanzi.

Homilies. The late Prof. Kölbing left complete his edition, for the Society, of the *Ancren Riwle*, from the best MS., with collations of the other four. Mr. Harvey means to prepare an edition of the three MSS. of the *Earliest English Metrical Psalter*, one of which was edited by the late Mr. Stevenson for the Surtees Society.

Members of the Society will learn with pleasure that its example has been followed, not only by the Old French Text Society which has done such admirable work under its founders Profs. Paul Meyer and Gaston Paris, but also by the Early Russian Text Society, which was set on foot in 1877, and has since issued many excellent editions of old MS. Chronicles &c.

Members will also note with pleasure the annexation of large tracts of our Early English territory by the important German contingent under General Zupitza, Colonel Kölbing, volunteers Hausknecht, Einkenel, Haenisch, Kaluza, Hupe, Adam, Holthausen, Schick, Herzfeld, Brandeis, &c. Scandinavia has also sent us Prof. Erdmann; Holland, Prof. H. Logeman, who is now working in Belgium; France, Prof. Paul Meyer—with Gaston Paris as adviser;—Italy, Prof. Lattanzi; Hungary, Dr. von Fleischhacker; while America is represented by the late Prof. Child, by Dr. Mary Noyes Colvin, Profs. Mead, Perrin, McClintock, Triggs, &c. The sympathy, the ready help, which the Society's work has cald forth from the Continent and the United States, have been among the pleasantest experiences of the Society's life, a real aid and cheer amid all troubles and discouragements. All our Members are grateful for it, and recognise that the bond their work has woven between them and the lovers of language and antiquity across the seas is one of the most welcome results of the Society's efforts.

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PREFATORY NOTE.

THE late Canon Simmons had made considerable progress with this work before his lamented death. Had he lived to complete the task, it would have formed a fitting companion to his *Lay Folks' Mass-Book*, which was published by the Early English Text Society in 1879. In that volume¹ we have the "Lex Orandi," in the present, the "Lex Credendi"—of the Church of our forefathers in mediæval times. Canon Simmons was able to see in type the four texts which are here presented to the reader; he had put together a large number of notes, and made the first rough draft of a glossary and index. The uncompleted work he passed on to Mr. F. D. Matthew, and those who are acquainted with that scholar's edition of the *Unprinted English Works of Wyclif*, and other important contributions to the study of the mediæval literature of this country, will regret that his engagements prevented him from carrying forward Canon Simmons' work to its conclusion. He was able, however, to do some good work upon the notes, and to add several of his own; and then, at the suggestion of a mutual friend, he asked me to finish it. Partly influenced by the memory of my former friendship with Canon Simmons, and partly by the interest with which I regarded the subject, I consented. For the completion of the Glossary and Index, I am indebted to the accomplished hand of Miss Gunning, of Cambridge, assisted by her friend the late Miss Parkinson; and for much valuable assistance in the German literature which had to be consulted, to my wife. I have revised, completed and made sundry additions to the notes, and written an Introduction, which includes notices of Archbishops Peckham and Thoresby, and of Wyclif; a section dealing with the differences of dialect in the two 14th century English texts; and some account of the History of Catechisms.

¹ (Coupled with the *Lay Folks' Prayer-Book*, edited for the Early English Text Society, by Mr. H. Littlehales.)

With this volume the Early English Text Society has completed the publication of the extant authorized English Formularies of the Northern province.

I have only to add, that I am but too well aware how ill-equipped a town-clergyman, who can only follow up literary pursuits of this kind in the brief intervals of a busy life, must inevitably prove, when he essays to take up a work which has fallen from such practised hands: and the same cause must be my apology for the long delay which has occurred in the publication of the volume.

H. E. NOLLOTH.

Beverley, July 1900.

INTRODUCTION.

§ 1. THREE OF THE EARLIEST ENGLISH REFORMERS.

IN the four mediæval documents which form the text of this volume, we have an interesting survival of the efforts of three of the earliest of the English Reformers. For John de Thoresby and John Peckham, the Northern and the Southern Primates, no less than John de Wyclif, the Oxford scholar and leader, deserved that title. All three men were anxious, before everything else, to amend the carelessness and the inconsistency of the clergy, and the consequent ignorance and corruption of the laity of their day. And, widely as they differed from each other,—Thoresby from Peckham as far as both from Wyclif,—in this respect their efforts were not only similar, but connected. The Lay Folks' Catechism of Thoresby must have been suggested by the Constitutions of Peckham, and the "Wycliffite Adaptation" of the present volume was a new and expanded edition of the Catechism of Thoresby. It will be necessary to say something about each of these men; and as this will best be done in order of time, we will begin with the Southern archbishop.

I. JOHN PECKHAM.

John Peckham was born in Sussex about the year 1240, and received his early education in the priory at Lewes, from which he proceeded to the University of Paris, studying under St. Bonaventura. He was appointed Reader in Divinity at Oxford; and there joined the order of St. Francis. Returning to Paris, he lectured on theology; was appointed Provincial Minister of the Franciscans in England, and was invited to Rome, where he became the Lector Sacri Palatii; "in fact," as Mr. Martin observes in his preface to *Peckham's Register of Letters*, "he was the first theological lecturer in the newly founded schools in the Papal Palace"; where his lectures were attended by large audiences, including many

bishops and cardinals. In 1278 he was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury by Nicholas III., in spite of the attempts made by Edward I. to gain the preferment for his chancellor, Robert Burnell, Bishop of Bath and Wells; but was not consecrated till the spring of the following year. He was well received by the king, and showed himself a strong prelate, a determined foe of pluralists, and quite ready to champion the cause of ecclesiastical reform against the king himself, when need arose. Like Thoresby in the following century, he was most assiduous in his endeavours to improve the education and the discipline of the clergy of his province; and to this end mainly, summoned the Council which sat at Lambeth, from the 7th to 10th of October, 1281. He was a man of great personal austerity, "keeping seven Lents in each year." He never lost his affection for the Order of St. Francis, and nearly always styled himself, as in the exordium of his "Constitutiones," in the text, and in the letter which will presently be given,—*"Frater Johannes,"*—*"Friar John."* It has been observed that as Wycliffe displays a bias against prelates and friars, so does Peckham against the secular clergy, and this is shown by his Lambeth Canons. But that monks came equally under his lash when they deserved it, is proved by the following extract from his reply to the request of Edward I. that he would consecrate a Cistercian Abbey in Wales:

ARCHBISHOP PECKHAM TO KING EDWARD I.

June 14, 1284 . . . "And therefore, Sire, altho' I am ready, so far as is in me, to dedicate the place for the Cistercian monks at Meynan, yet I could not do it without the full assent of the bishop and of his chapter, and of the parson of the place, who, with plenty of other people, have a very great horror of the approach of the forsaid monks. For though they may be good men, if God please, still they are the hardest neighbours that prelates and parsons could have. For where they plant their foot, they destroy towns, take away tithes, and curtail by their privileges all the power of prelacy." (*Letter DLIV.*)¹

The evil of pluralities was one of the abuses which Peckham most vigorously attacked in the case of the secular clergy. Nor is

¹ Mr. Martin remarks upon this letter: "The avarice of the Cistercians had already been noticed by Richard I., who, when accused of having at home three daughters whom he loved more than the grace of God, viz., Pride, Luxury, and Avarice, replied: 'No, they are no longer at home. My daughter Pride I have married to the Templars, Luxury to the Black Monks, and Avarice to the White Monks.'" (*Pref. to Vol. II., Peckham's Register*, p. lviiii.)

this to be wondered at when we read the lists of preferments so frequently held by one person, who, in many cases, had never set his foot in some of the benefices of which he was the incumbent: thus we are told of Aymo de Carto, one of the writer's predecessors in the church of Beverley, that in addition to being Provost of Beverley, he was Precentor of Lyons, Provost of Lausanne, and Rector of Dungarvan in Ireland.

In Peckham's remarkable treatise, *De Oculo Morali*,¹ he remarks "that as you see double if you push the eye out of its place with your finger; so prelates, through evil counsel, judge a priest to be worthy of two benefices, when he ought to be contented with one." And again, he forcibly condemns the degeneracy of the times:—

"Formerly the Church with its prelates of old time, was golden in wisdom, silver in cleanness of life, brazen in eloquence, which are three things needful to a preacher; that is, brightness of wisdom, cleanness of life, and sonorousness of eloquence. But of the feet, the last, that is the modern prelates, part is iron through their hardness of heart, and part is clay by their carnal luxury."

The Canons of the Council of Lambeth are given by Lyndwood, p. 26. (Provinciale, Oxford, 1679.) Peckham's letter of July 30, 1281, to the Bishop of London, ordering him to summon the clergy to the Council of Lambeth, is preserved in his register, and has been printed by Wilkins (*Concilia*, ii. 50), and by Mr. Martin in his interesting volumes in the Rolls series.²

Lyndwood, among his *Constitutiones Provinciales*,³ also gives

¹ V. Martin, Pref. to V. III. lxxxii.

² (Registrum Epistolarum Fratris Joannis Peckham, Arch. Cant., vol. i. p. 211.)

In the preface to vol. iii., Mr. Martin gives the following list of MSS. of the Constitutions of Lambeth:—

- (1) Harl. MS. 335 ff. 57b.-65b. (xv. cent.)
- (2) Harl. MS. 52 ff. 85-92, B. M. (xiv. cent.)
- (3) Harl. MS. 2349 ff. 71-89b., B. M. (xiv. cent.)
- (4) Harl. MS. 3705 ff. 42-55b. (xv. cent.)
- (5) Lamb. MS. 538 ff. 105-129. This is the MS. referred to by Wilkins as Lamb. MS. 17. (xv. cent.)
- (6) Lamb. MS. 460 ff. 1-119b., gives these Canons ix-xiii with a lengthy treatise on them by a monk. (xiv. cent.)
- (7) Lamb. MS. 778 ff. 27b. Imperfect.
- (8) Digby MS. 58 ff. 97-111, Bibl. Bodl. (xiv. cent.)
- (9) Tanner MS. 196 ff. 157b-159, Bibl. Bodl. cap. xx-xxiv. (xv. cent., vellum.)
- (10) MS. Selden, supra 43; Bibl. Bodl. (xv. cent., vellum.)
- (11) MS. Selden, supra 43 ff. 169-176; Bibl. Bodl. (xv. cent., vellum.)
- (12) Hatton MS. 109 (12); Bibl. Bodl., Lambeth, cap. vii. (xiv. cent.), and about 23 others.

³ *Provinciale, Oxoniæ*, 1679, p. 54. Cf. also p. 1, 42; also *Archbishop Arundell*, p. 291; and *Constit. Dom. Oth.*, p. 16.

an ordinance of Peckham, of which the following is the commencement :—

“De officio Archipresbyteri. Quilibet sacerdos, curam animarum potissimum gerens, quater in anno dilucide exponat subditis suis Articulos fidei, & præcepta moralia ad salutem necessaria, ut in hoc capitulo summam recitantur.

Johannes Peccham.

Ignorantia sacerdotum præcipimus ut quilibet sacerdos plebi præsidens”

And then follow the *Constitutions* in very much the same form as that in which they are printed in our text (P.), which consists of the Lambeth Canons, ix—xiii. They run in the name of the Archbishop, who begins by stating his desire to remedy present evils, and his hope to make progress in that direction, by the favour of Christ, and with the assistance of his brethren and bishops. Ignorance on the part of the clergy is the source of error in the people whom they are bound to guide. Therefore he directs that every priest shall explain to his people simply and clearly, four times a year, the Creed, the ten commandments, the two precepts of the Gospel, viz. love to God and man, the seven works of mercy, the seven deadly sins, the seven cardinal virtues, and the seven sacraments of grace. Furthermore, lest any priest should put forward the excuse of ignorance, he (the Archbishop) will explain briefly in what these things consist. And a short and simple exposition of the elements of faith and practice, completes this division of the Canons of the Council of Lambeth.

II. ARCHBISHOP THORESBY.

We now turn to our Northern primate. John de Thoresby is described by the author of the *Fasti Eboracenses* as “standing in the front rank of that band of worthies of the 14th century, who signalized themselves by their learning and taste. It is with a feeling akin to reverence that I look back upon his many services to his country, his pious zeal, and his open-handed munificence.”

In Archbishop Thoresby's time the morals, the learning, and the piety of the clergy were at a low ebb.¹ They were held in but little estimation by the laity, with whom they frequently quarrelled and sometimes fought. The churches and churchyards were desecrated

¹ See Gower (*Confessio Amantis*, Prologue); Hoccleve's *Regement of Princes*, edited by Dr. Furnivall (Early Eng. Text Soc., Extra Series, LXXII., 1897), 1408–1442.

by fairs, feasts, and dances. (Thoresby, Reg., Sep. 9, 1365: cf. Giraldus Cambrensis, *Gemma Ecclesiastica*, 119.) Pluralities existed in abundance, as well as the intrusion of foreign sinecurists into English benefices and posts of dignity by the pope. From 1343 to 1385 the deanery of York was held continuously by his cardinals: and the condition of things at the Minster, when visited by the Archbishop on May 12, 1362, set but a poor example to the diocese. The Archbishop was himself an Oxford scholar of high attainments, and a master of Latin composition, as shown by the many letters still preserved in the second part of the *Register of Archbishop Alexander Neville*. Ralph Thoresby, in his *Vicaria Leodiensis* (p. 185) describes him as the second son of Hugh Thoresby (son of Sir Hugh, the son and heir of Sir Adam Thoresby of Thoresby, Kt.) by Isabel the daughter of Sir Tho. Grose of Suffolk, Kt. He evidently, like his still greater contemporary, Wyclif, belonged to a Yorkshire family of consideration in the North Riding. A Richard de Thoresby, cousin of the Archbishop, was collated to the prebend of St. Andrew, in Beverley Minster, on May 16, 1355; and a John de Thoresby, who became Provost of Beverley in 1373, was also related to the Archbishop, and was one of his executors.

From his reputation at Oxford as a great theologian and Canonist, John Baconthorp dedicated to Thoresby his Commentary upon the *Ethics of Aristotle*. But his legal ability was probably the secret of his rapid promotion. He was appointed the King's proctor at the court of Rome; and on July 2, 1347, Edward III. made him Keeper of the Great Seal. On September 3, in the same year, he was consecrated Bishop of St. David's. In Warburton's MS. catalogue of the "Names and Arms of the great Princes, Noblemen, and Knyghts who were with the most victorious King Edward III. in his Wars in France and Normandie, during the siege and winning of Calais, Anno 1347," Thoresby is set down fourteenth from the Prince of Wales, and is said to have been followed by a retinue of 1 Banneret, 2 Knyghts, 30 Esquiers, 30 Archers on Horseback, and 36 Archers on foot,—99 in all.

In 1349 he was translated to the see of Worcester, and in the same year he became Lord Chancellor. Shortly afterwards he was made Cardinal of St. Peter ad Vincula.

In October 1352, Thoresby was advanced to the Northern primacy. Henceforth he endeavoured to free himself from political cares, and to give his undivided energies to his ecclesiastical functions.

In 1355, however, he was made one of the regents of the kingdom during the absence of Edward III. on his French campaign. He resigned the office of Lord Chancellor in 1356. He was a great peace-maker. "Lites et contentiones ubique delevit."¹ He it was who brought to an end the long-standing contention between the sees of York and Canterbury as to the right of either metropolitan to bear his cross erect in the province of the other. In this respect he compares favourably with the Southern primate who has just engaged our attention. Peckham, on hearing that his brother of York had returned from abroad, and was intending to pass through his province with his cross erect, wrote a letter (still preserved in his register), forbidding the clergy to show him any mark of respect, ordering them to shut the church-doors in his face, and threatening all persons, clerical and lay, with excommunication, who ventured to supply him with food, or render him the slightest service.

Thoresby has been ranked with Wykeham among the great Church-builders of the 14th century. But he seems to soar far above them all when we are reminded that to him we owe the noble conception of the most vast² and stately choir in Christendom; the lofty and magnificent choir of York Minster; surrounded with great windows of ancient glass to which this country presents no parallel; the East window being the finest in the world. In August 1361, the Archbishop began the foundation of the new Choir, and laid the first stone himself. Not only did he earnestly ask for the offerings of the faithful, but he was a munificent contributor to the fabric as long as he lived. Again and again did he give large sums of money (*v. Torre's MSS. in the Minster Library*), and even pulled down his Manor-house at Sherburn that the stone might be used in the new works at the Minster.

But our present concern is rather with his untiring efforts for the edification of the spiritual Church. "His chief solicitude" (says Ralph Thoresby in his *Vicaria Leodiensis*, p. 196) "was for the poor Vicars who had the cure of souls, yet were often too meanly provided for; to remedy which he erected Vicarages in some inappropriate churches, which had been till that time ill-served, and

¹ Stubbs, *Col.* 1733.

² Taking into account height as well as area. A friend who saw the above statement in proof, took exception to the description of Thoresby and Wykeham as "Church-builders." But I have neither said nor implied that they drew their own plans. They must, however, have had some "conception" of what they wanted, and instructed their architects accordingly, just as most "Church-builders" do now.

augmented others, where he found the endowment too small to afford a competent Maintenance to those that served the Cure."

The *Fasti Eboracenses* draw our attention to the pains taken by Thoresby to increase the number and the efficiency of the clergy. He usually officiated at his ordinations himself, and his lists have been preserved. In the year 1369 he held three special and four general ordinations, at all of which he officiated. The numbers were 306 acolytes, 187 sub-deacons, 163 deacons, and 161 priests. They were to serve, it must be remembered, in an area very much greater than that of the present diocese of York, for it included all Yorkshire, a part of Nottinghamshire, and the portions of Lancashire and Westmoreland comprised in the archdeaconry of Richmond. We must also bear in mind, when comparing these numbers with those of ordinations at the present day, that they included not only parochial clergy, but chantry-priests, and monks, and many canons.

Wilkins (*Concilia*, iii. p. 68) gives the "Constitutions of Archbishop Thoresby," put forth in the same year as the Catechism (1357), and designed to check various abuses, both among the clergy and laity.

In his anxiety to amend the ignorance and neglect of the parish-priests, and the consequent godlessness of their flocks, the Archbishop put forth the Catechism printed in this volume. It was issued both in Latin and in English,—the latter of the simplest character, so as to be understood by the most uncultured of the laity. Both versions were dated from his manor of Cawood, on November 25, 1357. The step was evidently suggested by the action of Peckham, seventy-six years before. Following the example of the Southern Archbishop at the Council of Lambeth, Thoresby gained for his Catechism the approval of the Council or Convocation of York. Both primates doubtless knew that their action would come with added authority from the whole Church of each province; and also that by thus taking their clergy into confidence, they would ensure their sympathy and co-operation. How closely the Catechism, in its original Latin form, was framed on Peckham's model, our readers may easily see by comparing the two texts (C.) and (P.). The exordium upon the carelessness and ignorance of the clergy, and the Archbishop's hope of reformation with the approval and assistance of his sacred Council, though more gently worded than that of the earlier *Constitutions*, is to the same effect. So is the ordinance which follows: the clergy are simply to expound the Creed, the

Commandments, and the same additional "fundamentals" of faith and practice: and to remove the excuse of ignorance, a similarly brief and clear explanation is given.

To show the close correspondence of the two texts, not only in substance, but in phraseology, it may be worth while to print the following sentences side by side:—

<p>C., l. 26, p. 22. Et ne quis super hiis per ignorantiam se valeat excusare, hæc sub verbis planis et incultis, ut sic levius in publicam deducantur notitiam, fecimus annotare.</p>	<p>P., l. 23, p. 23. Et ne quis a prædictis per ignorantiam se excuset, quæ tamen omnes ministri Ecclesiæ scire tenentur, ea perstringimus summaria brevitate.</p>
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Thoresby demanded more frequent instruction from his clergy than Peckham did; and "at least on the Lord's Day" takes the place of the "four times a year, on one or more holy-days," of the Lambeth Canons.

Henry Wharton, in his criticism of Burnet's *History of the Reformation*, when insisting on the frequency of sermons before the Reformation, adduces this injunction of Archbishop Thoresby: "The Practice (of preaching) seemeth not to have been unfrequent long before this time, and in some places to have been commanded to all the Parish-Priests. For in the Constitutions of John de Thoresby, Archbishop of York, made about the year 1360, I found a Command to all the Parochial Clergy to preach frequently to their People, and explain to them the Articles of the Faith in the *English Tongue*; and an Exhortation directed to the People, *to here Goddys Service every Soneday with Reverence and Devocioun, and seye devoutly thy Pater-Noster, &c., and here Goddys Lawe taught in thy Modyr Tonge. For that is bettyr than to here many Massys.*"¹

Here, possibly, the critic may have fallen into error himself; for the latter exhortation is from the Wycliffite version. The same remark applies to his note appended to Archbishop Ussher's *Historia Dogmatica* (pp. 430, 431; London 1689). "Thoresbeio in hac sententiâ prævit Robertus Pullenus, Cardinalis; cujus insigne testimonium antea omissum, hic loci apponam. Sic igitur ille in Sermone 16, MS. *Sunt nonnulli omnium, quos terra sustinet, miserrimi; qui nec boni in se aliquid habent; et cum in alijs audierint vel viderint, non diligunt, sed invident: Et eos quos ad divinam lectionem*

¹ *Specimen of Errors in Bishop Gilbert Burnet's History of the Reformation*, by Anthony Harmer (pseudonym for Henry Wharton); London, 1693: *Pars Prima*, pp. 56, 57.

vel prædicationem proficisci cognoverint, à bono proposito virulentis dissuasionibus, quantum in ipsis est, revocant." (Robert Pullen, c. 1140 : from his MS. Sermons in the Lambeth Library.)

The English version of Thoresby's Instruction, or "Lay Folks' Catechism," is in rude verse ; and was translated from the Latin by John de Taystek, a monk of St. Mary's Abbey at York : it was enrolled in the Archbishop's official Register, from which the text (T.) in this volume is reproduced : and the original Latin version (C.) is derived from the same source. It was approved by the Council or Convocation of the clergy of the Diocese and Province of York in 1357. There is a copy in MSS. Harl. 1022, 74-80, at the end of which there is the following note :—"Transumpta erat ista prædicatio a lingua Latina in nostram maternam linguam de mandato domini Johannis de Thoresby, Ebor. Archiep., per venerabilem et discretum virum Johannem de Taystek, monachum monasterii beatæ Mariæ Ebor., anno Domini millesimo trescentesimo quinquagesimo septimo."

The translation is really a very wide expansion of the original text : evidently for the sake of fuller explanation and clearer understanding by the lay-folk. Here again, the procedure is on the lines of the Council of Lambeth. The "Quatuor Sermones" in the "Festyval" were prepared for those who had the cure of souls in the Southern Province, as required by the Constitutions of Archbishop Peckham. They begin in the same way as the York Catechism, with the quotation from the "Master of the Sentences," and resemble it in many other points. It is also noteworthy that the English translator, in treating of the Seven Deadly Sins, follows the order of Peckham's Constitutions, instead of that of the authorized Latin version of the York Convocation : putting Gluttony fourth, and Sloth sixth, instead of the reverse.

Thoresby was evidently anxious that his catechism should be as widely disseminated among the lay-folk as possible, and doubtless this was the reason why he instructed Taystek to cast his translation into the form of verse (unpoetical though it be, and almost devoid of rhymes)—the more easily to be committed to memory. The late Canon Raine hazarded an interesting and ingenious conjecture as to whether he had it performed in the shape of miracle-plays : and in this way introduced these curious representations into the North of England.

It is certain that dogma, as well as history, was illustrated by miracle-plays, strange though it may appear. The text of the Credo or Belief play once acted in York, Dr. Raine thinks, may one day be discovered to have been Archbishop Thoresby's "Instruction." In *Test. Ebor.*, ii. 117, William Revetour of York, Chaplain, bequeathes "fraternitati Corporis Christi in Eboraco quemdam librum vocatum le Credo play, cum libris et vexillis eidem pertinentibus." In the library of the Earl of Ashburnham there was "A poem on the Trinity by William of Nassyngton, a proctor or advocate in the ecclesiastical court of York." Canon Raine conjectures that its date is about a century earlier than that assigned to it, viz. 1480, and that Nassyngton may have assisted Thoresby in his religious work. A fifteenth century writer (*v. Dibdin's Typogr. Ant.*, iii. 257) states that

"Sir William Thorsby, archebishop of York, did do drawe a treatise in Englyshe by a worshipful clerk whose name was Garryk. In the which were conteyned þe artycles of belefe, the vij dedly sines, the vij workes of mercy, the x comandementes; and sent them in small pagyantes to the common people to learne it and to knowe it, of whiche yet manye a cople be in England."

Dr. Shirley quotes a similar statement from a MS. in the library of Trinity College, Cambridge:—

"Sire Wiliam Thorisby, erchebishop of 3ork, did do to drawe a tretys in Englisce be a worschipful clerk wos name was Gaytrik, in þe wiche weren conteyned þe articulis of þe feiþ, seuene dedli synnes, þe werkes of mercy and þe ten comandements, and sente hem in smale pagynes to þe comyn puple."—*MS. B. 14, 50, Trin. Coll. Camb. (Fasc. Ziz., ed. Shirley, p. xiii, note.)*

Now this word "pagyantes or pagynes" is the term applied to the miracle-plays; and Canon Raine thinks that Thoresby may have "pressed these instructive yet somewhat profane representations into his service, to arrest the attention of the wayfarers in the streets, and please the eyes and ears of the unlettered crowd" (*Fasti Ebor.* I. 470).

But though Thoresby may have made use of miracle-plays in the furtherance of his scheme of popular instruction, yet their first introduction into York would probably date some three-quarters of a century before the putting forth of the *Lay-Folks' Catechism*. The festival of Corpus Christi was instituted by Urban IV. about the year 1263, and observed annually on the Thursday after Trinity

Sunday. The festival was confirmed, according to the Chronicle of Sprott, in the year 1318.¹

Mr. A. F. Leach has transcribed the Foundation Ordinances of the Corpus Christi Guild of Beverley, *circa* 1330, in a paper read before the Society of Antiquaries, March 8, 1894, in which he remarks that this Guild appears to have been one of the earliest in England,² and that the pageants and plays which developed out of the procession in honour of the sacrament, were nowhere carried to a more gorgeous length than in Beverley. No small part of a large quarto volume of *Town Ordinances of Beverley* is taken up with regulations as to the order and duties of the various craft guilds, under the rule of the Corpus Christi Guild, in the celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi. The Paternoster Play at Beverley was more like Thoresby's Instruction than the Corpus Christi Play, but did not originate till somewhat later than his time. On May 29, 1469, eighteen crafts of the town agreed to perform this play on Sunday, August 1: the scenes were entitled "Pryde: Invy: Ire: Avaryce: Sleweth: Glotony: Luxurie: Vicious." The earliest mention of a public play in Beverley is in the first quarter of the thirteenth century. (*Historians of the Church of York*, Rolls Series, No. 71, I. 328. See also Mr. A. F. Leach's contribution to the Furnivall Celebration Volume, on "*Some English Plays and Players*," Clarendon Press, 1900.)

In 1313, Edward II. and Queen Isabella were present at a magnificent series of dramatic spectacles of this character in Paris, given by Philip the Fair. Although, as we learn from the researches of Drake (*Eboracum*, p. 230), no notice can be found in the record of the York Corporation relating to the Corpus Christi Festival earlier than May 8, 1388, when "William de Selby, then Mayor, delivered to Stephen de Yolton, 100 shillings, which Master Thomas de Bukton had given for furnishing four torches to be burnt in the procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi," yet in 1394, an order was made that "all the pageants of Corpus Christi should play in the places *antiently appointed*, and not elsewhere, etc.," from which it would appear that the custom was of long standing at that time. In 1397 King Richard II. was present at the festival in York, and it was celebrated with great splendour. The stage was a structure sup-

¹ *Thomæ Sprotti Chronica*, p. 77.

² The C. C. Guild at Lincoln was founded in 1350; that at Hull 1358; that at York 1408.

ported on wheels, and the name of pageant was certainly sometimes applied to it; it must have strongly resembled the "pegma" used for a similar purpose in the Roman amphitheatre. The Corpus Christi Guild in York was founded in 1408, but not incorporated till the 37th year of Henry VI. Interesting particulars of these Miracle-plays in York are given in the Appendix to Drake's *Eboracum*, xxix. (London 1736).

There is in the Minster Library at York an old English MS. not much later than Thoresby's time, and covering much the same ground as the *Lay Folks' Catechism*, as may be seen from its preamble:—

"Here bigynneth ye ten commaundementis. Of feith, hope, and charite. The Paternoster. The Ave Marie. The Crede. The werkis of bodili mercy. The werkis of gostly mercy."

In the following letter, it has been supposed that Thoresby refers to the monk of St. Mary's Abbey, Taystek, or Tavistock, who had been rendering the Catechism into English. The supposition appears to lack foundation. But the letter is so graceful in itself, that it may fitly close our notice of the great Archbishop.

Archiepiscopus significat abbati Ebor. qualiter monachus suus jam redit ad monasterium.

Salutem, etc. Venit ad nos, quasi columba suam rediens ad fenestram, confrater vester frater J. de G., commensalis noster carissimus, qui jam in præterito festo Nativitatis Dominicæ nedum Divini verbi pabulo sed gestus honesti modestia tam salubriter quam laudabiliter nos refecit, quem nostri consideratione habere velitis propensius commendatum. Sibi fraternæ caritatis dulcedinem et spiritualioris communionis habundantiam petimus, impendentes per quod nos ad votiva vestra inveniri volumus pro tempore promptiores. Et quia quidam, ut dicitur, murmurant contra eum, fingentes eum quædam sinistra nobis contra vestrum aliquos prædicasse et correctiones in capitulo vestro fieri procurasse, ipsum ab impositis hujus modi sub verbo veritatis plenius excusamus, quia revera super hoc totaliter est immunis, et ideo nullus vestrum sibi impropere ex hac causa. Circa vero principium quadragesimæ ipsum libenter habere-mus, nobis ad magnum nostrum solatium assistentem, quem ad hoc licenciare velitis cum scripserimus pro eodem. Feliciter in Domino valeatis.

III. JOHN DE WYCLIF AND THE WYCLIFFITE ADAPTATION.

The text L. in this volume is probably from the hand of the reformer himself. It seems unnecessary to give any lengthy account of Wyclif in this place; for, not to mention sources of information

such as the very full memoirs of Dr. Lechler, two excellent critical summaries of his life and work have been prefixed, the one by the late Dr. Shirley to his edition of the *Fasciculi Zizaniorum*, and the other by Mr. Matthew to his *English Works of Wyclif hitherto Unprinted* (Early English Text Society, 1880). And yet we may safely assert that, even now, there are very few students of English history who have any idea how great a man he really was:—"second to none in philosophy, and without a peer in the learning of the schools,"—to quote an unfriendly chronicler.¹ In fact, as Dr. Shirley observes:—

"No friendly hand has left us any, even the slightest, memorial of the life and death of the great reformer. A spare, frail, emaciated frame, a quick temper, a conversation 'most innocent, the charm of every rank'; such are the scanty, but significant fragments we glean of the personal portraiture of one who possessed, as few ever did, the qualities which give men power over their fellows. His enemies ascribed it to the magic of an ascetic habit: the fact remains engraven upon every line of his life.

"To the memory of one of the greatest of Englishmen his country has been singularly and painfully ungrateful. . . . Of his works, the greatest, 'one of the most thoughtful of the middle ages,' has been printed twice abroad, in England never. Of his original English works, nothing beyond one or two short tracts has seen the light. . . .² If considered only as the father of English prose, the great reformer might claim more reverential treatment at our hands. It is not by his translation of the Bible, remarkable as that work is, that Wyclif can be judged as a writer. It is in his original tracts that the exquisite pathos, the keen, delicate irony, the manly passion of his short, nervous sentences, fairly overmasters the weakness of the unformed language, and gives us English which cannot be read without a feeling of its beauty to this hour."

"It certainly is little known," continues the same writer (Introduction to *Fasc. Ziz.*, xl.), "that Wyclif was the founder of a new order, anticipating in its combination of the regular with the secular element, something of the views of Ignatius Loyola, but in its practical aspect bearing a nearer resemblance to the lay-preachers of John Wesley, such as they were while his strong hand was yet upon them. To be poor without mendicancy, to combine the flexible unity, the swift obedience of an order, with free and constant mingling among the poor, such was the ideal of Wyclif's 'simple priests.' Their coarseness and ignorance, their long russet dress

¹ Knighton, 26. 44.

² This was written in 1858. Arnold's *Select English Works of Wyclif* was published in 1869; Matthew's *English Works of Wyclif* in 1880. The Wyclif Society has also for the last nineteen years published yearly one or two volumes of the Reformer's works.

down to the heels, moved the laughter or the wrath of their contemporaries; but, such as they were, they were employed, under episcopal sanction, through what was then the immense diocese of Lincoln, and probably in others also."

The following early notice of the Reformer, cited by Dr. Shirley, will be fitly inserted here:—

"Magister Joannes Wiclevus habebatur a multis omnium ætate sua viventium sanctissimus. Et cum hoc erat corpore macilentus, extenuatus, ac viribus pæne exhaustus, conversationeque innocentissimus. Propterea quamplures hujus regni proceres cum eo sæpius conferentes, eum dulciter amabant, illius dicta scribebant, atque eidem vita inhaerebant." (From William Thorpe's *Examination*—Bale, Bodl. MS. E. Mus. 86, fol. 100, r^o a.)

Foxe gives the original of the first sentence as "Maister John Wickliffe was holden of full mainie men the greatest clearke that they knew then living, and therewith he was named a passing rulie man and an innocent in his living."

We now come to an important question touching the origin of the Wycliffite adaptation of Archbishop Thoresby's Catechism. Was it a forgery, as Canon Simmons appears to have thought,—interpolating in the Archbishop's work, and in the Archbishop's name, sentiments which he would have repudiated? Or was it put forth with the knowledge, the consent, possibly the co-operation of Thoresby himself? The latter would have been the only honourable course, and we conceive it to be the only true explanation, for the following reasons:—

a. The version appears, as we have said, to have been the work of Wyclif himself. Not to mention the stress laid therein on the importance of preaching (L. 47, 48, 57) and many smaller characteristic touches, peculiar words, etc., which have been pointed out in the notes appended to this volume, there are whole passages which are almost verbally identical with portions of the Reformer's tracts; such as the treatises on the Paternoster (L. 59–161; see note), and the Ave Maria (L. 162–222; see note). The right of parishioners to withdraw their tithes from parsons who fail to perform their duty, is another case in point (L. 688–691; see note); so is the remark upon rich priests (L. 802; see note).

Canon Simmons himself ascribes this work to Wyclif, and has left a note in which he says that the Reformer had the opportunity of becoming acquainted with the Northern Catechism when he was Rector of Fillingham, in the adjoining county of Lincoln; a benefice

which he held for several years after the Archbishop had put it forth. "We find in the course of it distinct references to several of the 'heresies' which Wyclif is charged¹ with having propounded before he had taken his degree as Doctor of Divinity.² And both before that time, while still a Master of Arts, and for some time afterwards, his principal opponent was Cunningham, a Carmelite or White Friar, who subsequently became Provincial of that order in this country, and Confessor of John of Gaunt. At this time Wyclif's efforts seem to have been more in the direction of the reform of ecclesiastical abuses and the amendment of life, than in attacking doctrinal errors; notwithstanding that he had already rendered himself obnoxious to the maintainers of received doctrine, by his statements as to grace, and the exclusion of the foreknown from present membership of the Church on earth; and more especially, although this was not alleged against him, he had begun to realize the paramount authority of Holy Scripture—a discovery destined to be so important in its consequences. I venture to assume (continues Canon Simmons) that the date of L. may be taken to be at this time, and before Wyclif was involved in political movements, and associated with the anti-clerical schemes of John of Gaunt (or, rather the opposition of that prince to the political power of the clergy). It has been assumed by some writers that Wyclif's hostility to the friars cannot be held to have commenced before the time when he came into collision with them over the controversy as to the nature of the Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. But it must not be lost sight of that Wyclif, as a secular priest and head of a secular college, can hardly have escaped the influence of the party-antagonism existing at Oxford between the secular members of the University, whether laymen or clerics, on the one side, and the 'Religious' or 'Regulars' on the other; more especially the friars. This conflict may have tended to prejudice him against the mendicant orders, even if his dislike to them had not been increased by the fact, that they had fallen away from the zeal which had animated them when first introduced into this country; and, whilst they professed that apostolical poverty which was his ideal of the clerical life, they had become even more greedy than the monks, who, from their possession of endowments, were not so open to this temptation."

¹ *Fasc. Ziz.* 2, 3.

² In the year 1365 or 1366. He was not D.D. when made Master of Canterbury Hall in 1365.

For these reasons we may assume Wyclif himself to have been the author of our text L. But the notion that Thoresby's approval of it can have been forged appears to us entirely inconsistent with the manly and noble spirit of the great Reformer. Moreover, it was put forth altogether too soon for a forgery to have the slightest chance of success. So impudent an attempt must have recoiled upon the head of its author, and covered his cause with infamy.

b. It may put us on the right scent, while we are investigating this question, to remember that in the Northern Primate and the Oxford Reformer we have two great contemporary Yorkshiremen, both natives of the North Riding, possibly kinsmen (as Canon Raine has suggested); both longing to see a reformation in the lives and manners of the clergy, though it is possible that one may have been in advance of the other in his aims for the purification of religion. Various points of contact between the Archbishop and the family of Wyclif have been brought to light.

Thus, it appears from the Register of the See of York, that in the year 1350-1, at Pentecost, John, son of Symon de Wycliff, was ordained deacon in St. Mary's Abbey at York, and priest in York Minster on the Saturday after St. Matthew's Day, 1351. His title was had from Eggleston Abbey, which is less than three miles from the village of Wycliffe. On August 5, 1365, Archbishop Thoresby granted a licence of non-residence for two years to William Wyclyf, Rector of Wyclyf, to enable him to study. This is, doubtless, the William de Wycliffe, who in 1361 was one of the fellows of Balliol, whilst John de Wyclif was master; and as Canon Raine observes, the licence of non-residence was in all probability to allow him to return to Oxford. He was instituted August 7, 1363, on the presentation of John de Wycliffe, to the rectory of Wycliffe in Yorkshire (MS. Harl. 6978, 1, 2).

When we turn to Ralph Thoresby's account of his great collateral ancestor, the connection becomes closer still: for the historian not only represents the Archbishop as having been actively engaged, like Wyclif, in controversy with the Mendicant Friars, but declares him to have been a close friend of the Reformer himself.

In behalf of the poor vicars in his diocese, who had the cure of souls,¹

"He that was so great a lover of peace (Archbishop Thoresby) was engaged in controversy with the Friars Mendicants, against whom he wrote,

¹ Ralph Thoresby, *Vic. Leod.* 196.

Processum quendam,	Lib. 1. Pridem Sanctissimus.
Pro docendis Laicis,	Lib. 1. Attendite popule.
Ad Ecclesiarum Pastores,	Lib. 1.

"But what I take to be the Glory of his Age was his English Exposition of the Ten Commandments, Lord's Prayer, Creed, Sacraments, etc., which he commanded all the Clergy to read diligently unto their Parishioners."

And on p. 198 he speaks of him as "This learned Archbishop (whose only reputed fault was his favour to his Countryman Wickliffe the famous Reformer, amongst whose Friends he is justly named the first)."¹

The passage alluded to by Ralph Thoresby is the following:—
 "Hac autem tempestate partium nostrarum adiutorem sese exhibuit haud imbellem *Johannes Wickliffus* (sic), cui annumerandi *Johannes Toresbius*, *Uthredus Boltonus*, de quo supra, p. 65, col. 1, *Nicholaus Herefordus*, *Gualterus Brytus*, *Philippus Norrisius*, alique haud infrequentes, qui Fratrum argumenta, magno eruditorum plausu convellebant. Sub hæc vero præcipua disputationum materia erat *Paupertas Christi*, quam *Rogerus Conwayus* Minorita in Concione Londini nuper habitâ, talem fuisse contendebat,² ut neque ipse neque Apostolorum aliquis quicquam sibi suo nomine vindicarit, verum omnia illi communi quodam jure possederint."³

The following is the text of the passage as it occurs in Gutch's edition of 1792 from Wood's original English MS. (p. 475):—

"But as the University had educated champions to deal with them (the Mendicant Friars), viz. Robert Grosstest, Sewallus, Archbishop of York, John Baconthorpe, Richard Chillington and others, so now was John Wycleve ready to succeed in vindicating the quarrel. After him followed John Toresbie, Uthred Bolton, Nicholas Hereford, Walter Bryte, Philip Noreys, with several others, who, with great applause, equalled, if not went beyond, them in their responses."

We can, indeed, scarcely wonder if Thoresby came under the sway of that magic influence which Wyclif exerted upon all who knew him. Friends, neighbours, in early youth, kinsmen possibly, Thoresby being somewhat the older of the two, their intercourse must have been renewed at Oxford, where they both became distinguished scholars. In after years they must often have met about the Court, and when Thoresby became Archbishop of York, the Northern seat of the family of Wyclif was situated in his diocese.

¹ Wood's *Hist. et Antiq. Univ. Oxon.*, p. 181.

² Gulielmus Read de Vitis Pontificum MS., fol. 22.

³ *Hist. et Antiq. Univ. Oxon.*, Ant. Wood, Oxonii, 1674.

A petition has recently been discovered in the archives of the Vatican, from the Chancellor and Congregation of Masters of the University of Oxford to the Pope, praying for a grace granting to John de Wyclif *of the diocese of York*, M.A., a canonry and prebend of York Cathedral, notwithstanding that he has the Church of Fillingham, in the diocese of Lincoln, value 30 marks. (Petitions to the Pope, vol. i., Stationery Office, 1896.) It seems evident from this petition, that Thoresby had, by this time (1362), found the Reformer of use in his diocese, and wished to reward him with a canonry.

Having much in common in their views and aims, they may have become closely associated in the work of reform. Possibly Wyclif's persuasion that "prelates ought not to be secular lords" may have had something to do with the fact which remains on record that the Archbishop who accompanied the king into France with a retinue of one hundred armed followers, sought in after years to dissociate himself from all secular distractions and cares of state, and to devote himself entirely to the spiritual oversight of his vast diocese and province. The frequent quotation from Holy Scripture, which abounds in the original version of Thoresby's Catechism, may be another sign that Wyclif's influence was at work. It is true that many mediæval treatises quote Scripture; but the reference to it, or to God's law, as of paramount authority, and the essential difference between it and the teaching of the Church, or the witness of tradition, obvious as these things appear to modern theologians, were distinctive of Wyclif's tenets at the time he wrote. Canon Simmons has observed that in the theological literature of that period we find sayings attributed to Our Lord and "other doctors," Canons of Councils, extracts, true or false, from the Fathers, and decrees of Popes, early or recent, genuine or forged,—all cited promiscuously as authorities, apparently without any sense of their different value, and certainly without any attempt at critical examination.

We are, therefore, on all these grounds, fully persuaded that Wyclif asked for and obtained the consent of the Archbishop, at the very least, if not his assistance, in his amplification of the *Lay Folks' Catechism*. There are some passages, doubtless, to which we can scarcely imagine that Thoresby would have given the sanction of his name, such as the stern condemnation of unfaithful prelates: but it was an age of very plain speaking; and the passages may have been strengthened by later copyists.

But a great deal of this, it will be said, is merely conjectural. Be

it so. In this question very much must for ever remain conjectural. But the theory for which I have been contending has at least this merit,—that it does not charge the memory of one of the greatest and best of Englishmen with the commission of a foolish and disgraceful fraud.

§ 2. ON THE DIFFERENCES IN DIALECT BETWEEN THE VERSIONS OF THORESBY AND WYCLIF.

The first thing which strikes us when we come to compare the two versions, is that T. is much more like modern English than L. The reason of this is that the former is essentially a Northern dialect, whereas Wyclif, though originally a native of the North Riding, had lived so long in Oxford, in Leicestershire, and in Lincolnshire, that his writings partake rather of the Midland character. In his translation of the Bible, it is true, there is much to remind us of the dialect of the North Riding at the present day. Canon Raine observes that his father was born within a mile of the village of Wycliffe, and that he had often heard him say that at the beginning of the present century the dialect of the neighbourhood was so identical with the language of the reformer's version of the New Testament, that he would undertake to read any chapter of it to an old person, and it would be understood thoroughly, with the exception perhaps of a word or two. (*Fasti*, i. 462.)

But comparison of these two texts will be found to illustrate the fact that "in the north the inflexions of the older language were as a rule early cast aside, whilst they continued to characterize the southern dialects to a later period. Works written in the north, though of an earlier date, are more like the common English of modern times." The following list of words as they are found in T. and L. respectively will speak for itself:—(the numbers refer to the lines in the former):—

T.	L.
1 shewes	schewys
„ bokes	bokys
9 lastes	lastys
3 creatures ¹	creaturis
23 misdede	mysdedys
3 heuen	heyn
88 third	thrydde

¹ Dr. Morris observes that *es* in the plural is a test by which Northumbrian may be distinguished from other Northern dialects.

T.	L.
121 maiden	maydyn
108 sondred	sundryd
117 wel	ywyl
„ angels	angelys
5 skill	skyle
17 made in	mad yn
23 wickednesse	wykkydnesse
166 rightwisenesse	ryȝtwysnesse
27 world	werld
„ first	furst
28 techyng	wyssynge

On the other hand we have the Northern clinging to *a*, where in the Midlands we find *o*; just as Mr. Oliphant says:—“In the North the Active Participle ended in *ande*, the Norse form. In the Midlands it became *ende*, the Old English form; though in Lincolnshire and East Anglia this was often supplanted by the Danish *ande*.”

T.	L.
29 lare	lore
8 thas	þo
15 thai	þey
11 knawing	knowynge
78 swa	so
19 hali saules	holy sowlys
287 hali Gast	holy gost
29 hali kirke	holy chyrche
„ langes till	longys at
422 wrang	wrong
106 awe	owe
155 anely	only
152 ras	roos
161 bathe	bothe
436 faes	foys
451 slauth	slewþe

We find in T. many peculiar Yorkshire words, some of which have not yet become obsolete; thus (l. 150) *whikend* (L. *qwyknyd*): “It’s wick;” “full of little wicks” (“It’s alive;” “full of little live things”) are still common expressions. *Methe* or *methefulness* (T. 440, L. *mesure*,—*i. e.* temperance): *whilk* (T. 170, L. *whiche*): *ilkman* (T. 423: L. *eche man*). In *owen* (T. 164, L. *owne*) we have a mode of pronunciation which still survives in *quite*, usually pronounced *quiet* in Yorkshire: also in *dede* (T. 108, L. *dep*) we recognize the still familiar “deadbell,” “frightened to dead.” In T. 138 we have *doluen*—(buried by digging), where L. has *leyde on a*

toumbe. In the same line we have a still common Yorkshire pronunciation: *tane doune*, where L. has *takyn down*. In T. 153 we have *stegh* (L. *stey*), i. e. *ascended*. In Yorkshire a ladder is generally called a *stee*: and in the *ligges* for *lies* of T. 358 we have another common word. It is interesting to observe that in T. 258, the *gospel* of L. is spelt *godspel*.

§ 3. ON THE HISTORY OF CATECHETICAL TEACHING.

Although, in modern parlance, the "Instruction" of Archbishop Thoresby may very fitly be termed *The Lay Folks' Catechism*, yet it must be owned that such a name would never have been given to it in his day, nor for long afterwards. The word 'Catechism' is now commonly applied to a book or treatise upon the chief points of Christian faith and practice; especially when intended, as was Archbishop Thoresby's tract, "to serve as a basis for the oral instruction of the young and ignorant by question and answer." But, before the time of Luther, the word never meant a book, but actual verbal teaching by question and answer; eliciting an "echo" or reply; as Bishop Andrews quaintly remarks in his *Introduction to Pattern of Catechistical Doctrine*:—"In *κατηχέω* is included an iteration, and from *ἡχέω* we have our word *echo*. 'Ἠχέω is indeed 'to sound the last syllable,' and of such sounders haply there are enough; but *κατηχέω* is 'to sound in the whole, after one, again.' And such is the repetition which is required of the right and true *κατηχοῦμενοι*, young catechized Christians, and those places are called *κατηχέαι*, that give the whole verse or word again."

In the Early Church, however, the instruction was given in the form of a lecture, and the questions were asked by the catechumens rather than by the teacher; and the method was probably derived from the custom of the Jewish Rabbis: the Child Jesus was found "in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them and asking them questions" (St. Luke ii. 46).

We have preserved a set of Catechetical Lectures delivered in Jerusalem by St. Cyril about A.D. 347: just as Bishop Charles Wordsworth entitled his little book of instruction for Confirmation candidates 'Catechesis,' not 'Catechism.'

Irenæus, Tertullian and St. Augustine use the word 'catechise' for instructing in Christianity. The work of the latter, *De catechizandis rudibus* (written about A.D. 400) is not a catechism for children, nor an explanation of the chief articles of the faith. The

'rudes' are those who are entirely ignorant of Christianity; and the teachers are directed how they may best win them over to the religion of Christ. In St. Augustine's *De Fide et Operibus* (*Op.* IV., col. 67) we find the word *Catechism*, not in the least in the sense of a book, but in its proper meaning of detailed oral instruction. He is speaking of St. John the Baptist, who, being asked "What shall we do?" by the multitudes who came out to him, gave them special answers according to their circumstances, and continues:—

"His breviter commemoratis, Evangelista, non enim totos catechismos inserere debuit, satis significavit pertinere ad eum, a quo baptizatus catechizatur, docere et monere de moribus."

Dr. Geffchen, in his work upon *The Illustrated Catechisms of the Fifteenth Century*,¹ gives it as his opinion that this passage may have caused Luther to stamp this word with the meaning which henceforth became its usual one. The great German Reformer felt the need of a theological handbook at an early stage of his work, and put forth from time to time isolated treatises on the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Supper, etc. But it was not until he had been engaged in this work for eight years that he applied to it the name of *Catechism*.²

Having said thus much upon the title of our work, we may now go on to observe, that catechetical instruction has occupied the foremost place in the scholastic methods of the moral and religious teachers of all countries and of all ages. The practice of the Greek philosophers will occur to every scholar:—

Ἡμεῖς δὲ ἐκ τῆς παιδικῆς κατηχήσεως περινοῦμεν μᾶλλον ἐν τοῖς πλείστοις, ἢ νοοῦμεν.—Porphyrus, Ὁμηρικῶν ζητημάτων.

The same mode of teaching was prescribed by the law of Moses (*Deut.* vi. 6, 7, 20; *Ex.* xii. 26, etc.). Here we have enjoined the earliest form of catechetical instruction, viz. "Catechisatio Domestica," conducted by the heads of families for the benefit of their children and servants. But the Jews also practised the other two

¹ Leipzig, T. O. Weigel, 1855.

² He appears first to have made this use of the word in his letters to Nic. Hausmann at Zwickau:—

Feb. 2, 1525. Jonæ et Islebio mandatus est catechismus.

March 26. Catechismus, ut antea dixi, mandatus est suis autoribus.

Sept. 27. Catechismus differo, vellem enim uno opere omnia dissolvere.

The word 'Catechism' had also, especially in the fifteenth century, another signification; viz. that of sponsorship—from the questioning or catechising of the sponsors, which was a necessary preliminary to baptism.

forms of catechising; "Catechisatio Scholastica" by preceptors in schools; and "Catechisatio Ecclesiastica," by priests and Levites in Temple and in synagogue. We may note the instruction given by Levites under the Judges and Kings (*e. g.* 2 Chron. xvii. 7, 8, 9), as well as the "Schools of the Prophets" established by Samuel, who may be regarded as the originator of theological colleges and universities, and to whose students we owe, with the exception of the Pentateuch, nearly the whole of the Old Testament.

Catechetical teaching occupied a prominent position in the admission of proselytes. They were first carefully examined as to their motives for wishing to adopt the Jewish faith. If the result were satisfactory, they were instructed in the principal articles of the Hebrew Creed—the one God, the sin of idolatry, the reward of obedience, the privileges of Israel, the future life, etc. On their acceptance of this creed, they were circumcised, and soon afterwards baptized with their families in the presence of three witnesses, who went on with their instruction while the neophytes stood in the water. (*Maimonides*, Lightfoot, c. 3, v. 6; *Matthew*, f. m. 265, 266 seq.; *Lundius*, l. c., p. 1374.)

Jewish children, on reaching the age of twelve years, underwent a course of catechetical instruction, after which they were regarded as personally responsible for their observance of the law, and were termed "Sons of the Precept"; the institution strongly resembling that of Confirmation in the Christian Church.

The Great Teacher continually adopted this mode of instruction:—

"Whom say ye that I am?"

"Whose is this image and superscription?"

"What is written in the law?"

"Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour . . .?"

"If then, the Christ be David's Lord, how is He his Son?"

"The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men?"

The earliest mention of catechising in the Christian Church occurs in St. Luke i. 4, where the Evangelist declares that he has written this narrative for Theophilus, "ἵνα ἐπιγνῶς περὶ ὧν κατηχήθης λόγων τὴν ἀσφάλειαν."

Concerning the practice of the Apostles, we have the assertion of the learned Cornelius à Lapide, "Apostolorum conciones ferè tantum catecheses." St. Paul wished to speak in a known tongue, "ἵνα καὶ ἄλλους κατήχηση" (1 Cor. xiv. 19). In Acts viii. 37 we have the first Apostolic Symbolum.

It is probable that there were specially appointed Catechists in the primitive Church (see Eph. iv. 11; 1 Cor. xii. 5, 28; Heb. v. 12, 13, 14; vi. 1, 2). Clemens Romanus won over Theodora and Sisinnius, her husband, to the Christian faith by catechetical instruction. Jerome¹ reports the Evangelist St. Mark to have been the founder of the renowned Catechetical School of Alexandria, which still flourished in the time of Eusebius. In the 3rd century, Pantænus, Clemens Alexandrinus (who left a set of catechetical lectures called *Pædagogus*), and Origen, successively catechized at Alexandria.

The first well-known teacher of this school was Athenagoras, an Athenian by birth, who lived in the time of the emperors Hadrian and Antoninus. He undertook to write a treatise against the Christian religion, and to this end carefully read the Holy Scriptures. The result was, that from an intending assailant, he became a powerful defender of the Faith, and the head of both the Philosophical and the Catechetical Schools of Alexandria.²

No written Catechesis, properly so called, of the first century has come down to us; though it is quite certain that these were symbols like the Apostles' Creed, which formed the basis of oral instruction. The treatises termed *Didascalia Apostolorum* cannot be properly called Catecheses, although they were frequently read to Catechumens.³ The Copts had another treatise with the same title.

Justin Martyr's *Expositio*, the Catechesis of the heretic Eunomius, the Catechesis Magna and Parva of Theodore the Student, the *Libri Institutionum* of Lactantius, and the treatise of John Damascene, "*de Fide Orthodoxa*," notwithstanding their titles, are, none of them, Catecheses properly so called, *i. e.* simple and comprehensive summaries for the use of Catechumens.

During the period of the persecutions of Trajan, Hadrian, etc., we find that these attacks upon the Church from without, together with the growth of heresies within, led both to the publication of Apologies, and to the increased importance of catechetical schools. In the extant list of the Catechists of the school of Alexandria,

¹ *De Scriptor. Eccles. f. m.* 188.

² Eusebius speaks of Pantænus as preceding him: but it is certain that he followed Athenagoras after a few years; and the latter is the first who is cited as an Alexandrian Catechist.

³ The *Doctrina Petri*, mentioned by Origen (*Περὶ Ἀρχῶν*, I. f. m. 666), the *Didascalia* of Clemens Romanus (MS. in the Imperial Library at Vienna), the *Didascalia* of Barnabas, and that of Hippolytus (in the Bodleian), partake of much the same character with the *Pastor of Hermas*.

occurs the name of Clement, of whom his disciple Origen, who became himself an Alexandrian catechist, records that he spent many hours each day in catechizing; and in his three books, *Protrepticus*, *Pædagogus* and *Libri Stromatum*, he appears as a true Catechetical teacher. The first is intended to win heathens to Christianity; in the second, he sets before Catechumens their Christian duties; and in the third, he instructs the more established Christians in the higher mysteries of the faith.

A similar work was carried on at Antioch by Ignatius and Theophilus; at Smyrna by Polycarp; at Athens, Quadratus diligently taught and catechized; and Eusebius asserts that Dionysius, Bishop of Corinth, in his Letters to the Lacedæmonians, supplied them with a complete Catechesis in the necessary matters of the faith. Tertullian speaks of adults being catechized before baptism in the Church of Carthage; and Irenæus catechized in his churches. The substance of the Catechetical teaching of the first two centuries, like that of the sermons of St. Peter on the Day of Pentecost, and St. Paul at Athens, would be suited to the intellectual and spiritual needs of converts from heathenism and Judaism. The former would be taught the nothingness of idols, the great truth of the resurrection, and the necessity of forsaking the gross sins to which they had been accustomed, for a new and holier life: while the Jews needed, above all things, to be convinced that our Lord had fulfilled the Messianic prophecies which embodied the hopes of their race. At Carthage, Cyprian, appointing Optatus to the office of Catechist, writes to the presbyters and deacons:—"Fecisse autem me sciatis lectorem Saturum, et hypodiaconum, Optatum confessorem; quos jam pridem communi consilio clero proximo feceramus, quando aut Saturo die Paschæ semel atque iterum lectionem dedimus: aut Optato cum presbyteris, doctoribus, lectoribus *Doctorem audientium* (*i. e.* Catechumenorum) constituimus, examinantes au congruerent illis omnia, quæ esse deberent in his, qui ad clerum parabantur." (22 *Epist.*, L. 3, f. m. 101, ed. Erasmi.)

At Cæsarea in the Holy Land, Pamphilus, a presbyter, and the maternal uncle of Eusebius Pamphilus, founded a Catechetical school of philosophy and theology, which became famous. (Nicephorus, *Hist. Eccl.*, L. 6, c. 37, f. 290.)

At Antioch, the youthful martyrs had been prepared for the sufferings which awaited them by the diligent catechizing of their

bishop, Babylas, himself a martyr. (Cave, *Life*, p. 467 ; Chrysostom, *Or. de Babyla*, t. 10, V. f. 417.)

The *Expositio Fidei* of Gregory Thaumaturgus is a beautiful treatise on the Holy Trinity, and has survived both in its Greek and Latin versions.

On account of the ridicule cast upon the great Christian verities and rites by the heathen, the teaching of the Catechists was entirely oral: and the Catechumens were not even allowed to assist the memory by taking notes.¹

In the 4th century, we meet with many notices of catechetical instruction at Constantinople, Alexandria, and elsewhere, as we read the lives and writings of St. Chrysostom, Gregory of Nyssa, Basil, Gregory Nazianzen (who was assisted in this duty by his wife Nonna), Gregory Nazianzen the Younger, and St. Ambrose. From the Catecheses of Cyril of Jerusalem (born about A.D. 315, died March 386) we may learn the doctrines, methods of teaching, and customs of the Church at that time. They consist of a *Procatechesis*, eighteen *Catecheses*, and five *Mystagogices*.

In the 5th century we have many allusions to Catechumens and the instruction needful for them, in St. Augustine. (See especially "*Liber de catechizandis rudibus*."

In the 6th century we note the Catechesis of James Baradeus; and the gradual obscuration of the doctrine of Justification by Faith.

In the 7th century, along with the partial destruction of Eastern Christianity by the Mahometans, we find traces of catechetical teaching in the West, as preceding Baptism, etc.

In the 8th century, we have Theodulph's instructions to his clergy upon catechizing, and the writings of the Venerable Bede.

In this century also we have the *Symbolum Athanasianum*.

In the 9th century the First Council of Mayence, and the Council of Tours (A.D. 813), ordered religious instruction in the vulgar tongue.

From this time, we have increasing light thrown upon catechetical teaching, and more MS. Catecheses have been preserved to us; those who are interested in the subject will find ample references in the

¹ See the close of the sixty-first sermon of Peter Chrysologus, Bishop of Ravenna; similar sayings are to be found in *Cyrl. Hieros. Catech.* V., f. 78; also in St. Augustine, Ruffinus, and St. Ambrose.

pages of Langemarke. The *Catechesis Prima* of Michael, Metropolitan of Athens (12th cent.), is to be found in the Bodleian Library.

In the 13th century we have the *Expositio Symboli* of Thomas Aquinas, the *Expositio Orationis Dominicæ* of St. Francis, and Grostête's, *De præceptis decalogi, de articulis fidei, et de Oratione Dominicâ*.

Here it is interesting to note, that in Cantos 24, 25 and 26 of the *Paradiso*, written about the year 1316, Beatrice entreats the Blessed to gratify the longing soul of Dante with a draught of the Divine wisdom. Thereupon St. Peter, St. James, and St. John respectively catechize the poet upon the three virtues, Faith, Hope, and Love. Dante "girds himself as a responding Bachelor" for the examination. The definition of Hope he borrows from the Master of the Sentences.

During the 15th century, children were commonly taught the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, without any explanation, and with the addition of the *Ave Maria* and other prayers to the Saints. But at the commencement of the Reformation, no catechism was used in the schools, but the "Children's Bible" or "Primer," containing the Alphabet, the Ten Commandments, the Belief, and the Lord's Prayer without explanation; and certain other prayers: but the *Ave Maria* and similar mediæval interpolations, had, in most places, if not in all, been expunged from them.

We now come to the Reformation group of Catecheses, of which the most important are the "Explicatio Symboli, Decalogi et Orationis Dominicæ of John Huss," Luther's Catechism, and the "Church Catechism" in the English "Book of Common Prayer."

Luther complained,¹ that "The old teaching of the faith of Christ, of love, of prayer, of the Cross, of comfort in tribulations, was entirely neglected; in all the world there was hardly a doctor who knew the whole Catechesimum, that is, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments and the Creed, to say nothing of understanding and teaching it, as it is now, thanks be to God, taught and learned even by young children; in proof of which I appeal to all their books, jurists, and theologians. If one portion of the Catechism may be rightly learnt from them, I will let myself be bled, and broken on the wheel!"

¹ *To. V. Altenb.*, f. 208 b.

Luther's first Catechism (1520) was not put forth under that name; it was an explanation of the Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer. Before this time, various explanations of the Commandments and the Lord's Prayer had been put forth by himself or by his co-workers: for instance, "A Short Form of contemplating the Ten Commandments, and of praying the Lord's Prayer: D. Martin Luther," 1518. It is remarkable that although the Ave Maria is here omitted, because he was conscious of its abuse,¹ yet it is found in "A Little Prayer-Book, and Reading-Book of Martin Luther added to and improved"; in 1523.

His "Greater" and "Smaller Catechisms" were published in 1529.

For an account of other Catechisms of the foreign Reformers, we must refer the reader to Walchius (*Bibl. Theol.*, vol. i.): and the elaborate work of Joh. Geffchen on the Catechisms of the 15th and 16th centuries. (Leipzig, T. O. Weigel, 1855.)

In England, in the year 1536, a set of Injunctions framed by Cranmer were issued by the authority of Henry VIII. Among them was an attempt to revive the practice of catechizing: the clergy were to take care that children should be taught the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments in their mother-tongue.

By the Injunctions issued in 1547, the first year of Edward VI., it was directed "That every holy-day throughout the year, when they (deacons, archdeacons, parsons, vicars and other ecclesiastical persons) have no sermon, they shall immediately after the gospel, openly and plainly recite to their parishioners in the pulpit, the *Paternoster*, the *Credo*, and the ten commandments in English, to the intent the people may learn the same by heart: exhorting all parents and householders to teach their children and servants the same, as they are bound by the law of God, and in conscience to do."²

The same injunctions also direct "That they shall in confessions every Lent, examine every person that cometh to confession to them, whether they can recite the articles of their faith, the '*Paternoster*' and the ten commandments in English, and hear them say the same particularly; wherein if they be not perfect, they shall declare then, that every Christian person ought to know the said things before

¹ 1522. T. II. *Jenens Germ.*, f. 188.

² Cardwell, *D. A.*, I. 7. This item was reproduced in the Injunctions of the first year of Elizabeth.—*Ib.*, pp. 213, 214.

they should receive the blessed sacrament of the altar, and monish them to learn the said necessary things more perfectly, or else they ought not to presume to come to God's board without a perfect knowledge, and will to observe the same: and if they do, it is to the great peril of their souls, and also to the worldly rebuke that they might incur hereafter by the same."¹

In 1549, the compilers of the English Prayer Book inserted a Catechism in the Confirmation Service to be learned by candidates as a preparation. It differed but little from the first part of the present Catechism, ending with the explanation of the Lord's Prayer; and has been variously attributed to Dean Nowell, Poyntet Bishop of Rochester, and Goodrich Bishop of Ely.

The explanation of the Sacraments was added at the revision of 1604. John Overal, Dean of St. Paul's, afterwards successively Bishop of Lichfield and Norwich, appears to have compiled it from *The Little Catechism* of Dean Nowell,

"For 's threefold Catechism worthily
Much honour'd, and for his great charity."²

Nowell based the largest of his Catechisms upon Edward VI.'s *Short Catechism* (1552-3), probably compiled by John Ponet or Poyntet, Bishop successively of Rochester and Winchester. Poyntet had made much use of *The Institution of a Christian Man* (1537), and *A Necessary Doctrine and Erudition for any Christian Man* (1543). He only slightly touches upon the Sacraments, after the explanation of the Creed. Bishop Jacobson has pointed out that Nowell borrowed largely from the *Catechism of John Calvin* (1541).

Nowell's *Middle Catechism* was authorized to be taught in Grammar Schools to the older, and his *Little Catechism*, which must have been published before 1559, to the younger scholars.³ At the end of the Confirmation Service in the *Prayer Book* of 1549 we find the following Rubric:—"¶ The Curate of every parish, once in six weeks at the least, upon warning by him given, shall upon some Sunday or Holy Day, half an hour before Evensong, openly in the Church instruct and examine so many children of his parish sent unto him, as the time will serve, and as he shall think convenient, in some part of this Catechism" Other Injunctions were added

¹ Cardwell, *D. A.*, I. 16.

² Verses at end of Fuller's *Life of Nowell*.

³ See the valuable "Introduction" prefixed by Dr. Groves to his edition of Nowell's *Little Catechism*. (McGee, Dublin, 1878.)

in 1549, 1559, and in the Canons of 1571, and repeated in the 59th Canon in the year 1603.

In the Confirmation Office appended to Herman's "Consultation,"¹ there is a Catechism strongly resembling the Catechism of the Church of England, opening with the Baptismal Covenant. But Dr. Groves² has pointed out that in this respect, Marshall's Prymer or "Dialogue, wherein the child asked certain questions, answereth to the same," is earlier than either; there is an extant edition of it certainly not later than 1534. Its author has been supposed to be Cuthbert Marshall, Archdeacon of Nottingham, but it probably derived its name from the bookseller, and Strype ascribes it to Cranmer. Dr. Groves observes that it contains the first rude drafts of many of the hymns and prayers of the present English Liturgy.

§ 4. APPENDIX.

The following list of works bearing upon Catechisms and their History is prefixed by Langemark to the second volume of his *Historia Catechetica* (Stralsund, 1733).

D. Valent. Alberti, Prof. Lips. dissertatio theologica-practica de *Catechesi*, Resp. M. Clem. Thime. Lips., 1688.

Anon. *Deliciæ Catecheticae*. Dresden, 1704. 8.

Gottfr. Arnold's Kirchen- und Ketzer-Historie. P. II. lib. 16.

M. Leonh. Bohmri Institt. Theologiæ Catecheticae. Altd. 1722. 4.

D. Jo. Franc. Buddei historia catechetica in Schamelius Vindic. Catech. Leipzig, 1726. 8.

EjUSD. Isagoge historico-theologica. Lips., 1727. 4.

D. Jo. Ben. Carpzovii disput. Ad librum Augustini de Catechizandis rudibus, 1688. Lips. hab. quæ inter disput. ejus Acad. est 19. Lips., 1699. 4.

Gottfreunds (*i.e.* Gottfried Dexelii) *Deliciæ Catecheticae*. Dresden und Leipzig, 1701. 8.

Jo. Ge. Eccardi Catechesis Theotisca. Hannov. 1713. 8.

Andr. Fabricii Oratio de Catechismo, 1569.

M. Caspar Fiedlers, Archid. in Rochlitz erleuchteter Catechismus-Prediger. Leipz. 1689. 8. 1. Alph. 3 pl.

D. Georg Henr. Goetzeus Catechismus. Bibliothec. Leipzig und Budissin, 1722. 4.

¹ Drawn up by Bucer and Melancthon, 1543.

² Introduction to his edition of Nowell's *Little Catechism*, p. xxi.

Joh. Christ. Hungers Pentalogus deliciae catecheticae. Dresden, 1716, 1718. 8.

Andr. Hyperii de catechesi lib. cum præf. Joh. Andr. Schmid, de Schola Alexandrina Catechetica. Helmst. 1704. 8. pl. 6.

M. Jo. Henr. Krause de catechesi primitivæ Ecclesiæ, 1704.

Jo. Meisneri Examen Catechismi Palatini. Witteb. 1669. 4.

Jo. Christoph. Meureri Isagoge in theologiam catechetica s. apparatus catechetici Idea.

L. Jo. Phil. Oheims (Superint. zu Borna) catechetica.

Ambrosii Rendenii Oratio de usu catechisma habita in promotione duorum doctorum Theologiæ. 1594. 4. Inserta est actui promotionis D. Schlüsselburaii & Balth. Mölleri.

Joh. Mart. Schamelii vindiciæ catecheticae. Leipzig, 1726. 8.

Ejusd. Supplementa. Leipzig, 1727. 8.

Jo. And. Schmid. Progr. de Catechesi Racoviensi. Helmst. 1724.

D. Jo. Ge. Walchii Introductio historica & theologica in Libros Symbolicos Ecclesiæ Lutheranæ variis observationibus illustrata. Jen. 1732. 4. 6. Alph.

D. Mich. Waltheri Prof. Witt. Disp. de catechisatione veterum. Wittenb. 1688. 4.

D. Mich. Walthers, General-Sup. zu Zell, Gloria Catechismi. Nürnberg. 1645. 12.

D. Christian Frid. Wilisch historiæ catecheticae delineatio, una cum Syllabo autorum catechetichorum. Altenb. 1717. 4.

Ejusd. Princeps Sax. de Catechismo Lutheri bene meritus ib. in Jubilio Altenb.

D. Christoph. Heinrich Zeibichs von der Weimarischen Catechismus-Historie. Weimar, 1727. 8.

The Lay Folks Catechism.

- I. (T) THE ENGLISH OF ARCHBISHOP THORESBY'S INSTRUCTION OR CATECHISM FOR THE PEOPLE, FROM THE AUTHENTIC COPY IN HIS REGISTER AT YORK.

On the upper part of the even, or left-hand, pages.

- II. (C) THE ORIGINAL LATIN OF NO. I, AS APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OR CONVOCATION OF THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE AND PROVINCE OF YORK, A.D. 1357, FROM THORESBY'S REGISTER.

- III. (L) A WYCLIFFITE ADAPTATION OF THE CATECHISM, WITH LATIN RUBRICS, PUT FORTH UNDER THE NAME OF ARCHBISHOP THORESBY, FROM THE LAMBETH MS., NO. 408 ; AND ADDITIONS [WITHIN BRACKETS] FROM YORK MINSTER MS., XVI. L. 12.

On the upper part of the odd, or right-hand, pages.

- IV. (P) THE CORRESPONDING CANONS OF THE COUNCIL OF LAMBETH, UNDER ARCHBISHOP PECKHAM, A.D. 1281.

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[fol. 295]
The Master of the
Sentences proves

T. Is that a gret clerk shewes in his bokes,
[A] Et est *secundo sentenciarum* distinctione prima,

that the goodness
of God was the
cause of the
whole creation.

Of all the creatures that god made in heuen,
And in erthe, in water, or in ayre, or in ought elles,
5 The soueraigne cause and *the* skill whi that he
made thaim,

God, desiring
some of his
creatures to share
in everlasting
bliss,

Was his owen gode will and his godenesse.
Thurgh whilk godenesse, als he is all gode,
He wold *that* som creatures of thas that he made
Were communers of that blisse that euermor lastes.

10 And for no creature might come to that ilk blisse
Withouten knowing of god, als that clerk techis,
—ubi supra—

gave reason to
angels and men,

He made skillwise creatures, angel and man,
Of witt and of wisdom to know god al-myghten,
And, thurg *thair* knowing, loue him *and* serue him ;

by which to know
and serve him.

15 And so come to that bliss that thai were made to.

This knowledge
of God Adam and
Eve had of His
gift ;
but to us, their
children, by

This maner of knowying had oure forme-fadyr
In *the* state of innocency that thai were made in,
And so shuld we have had, if *thai* had not synned,
Noght so mikell als hali saules has now in heven,

20 Bot mikel mare than man has now in erthe :
For our forme-fadirs synned, sais the prophet,

C. ¶ JOHANNES permissione divina, &c., dilecto filio Archidiacono nostro, &c., salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.

¶ Quia nonnulli Christi fideles, quibus, licet immeriti, præsidesmus,
4 non sunt, quod dolenter gerimus, saltem in grossis et necessariis

L. Mandatum domini Johannis de Thoresby. Eborum Archiepiscopi Rectoribus. Vicarijs totius provincie sue ad predicandum parochianos illorum & predictus dominus Johannis concessit omnibus adiscentibus istud mandatum .xl. dies indulgencie.

[fol. 1]

Latin heading set before the interpolated catechism, with a false claim to the indulgence of Archbishop Thoresby.

Thema. Attendite popule meus Inclinate aurem vestram in verba oris mei.//

10 **A**s a gret clerk tellys *and* schewys in his bokys.
Of alle þe creaturis þat god made in heuyn

and in erthe in water *and* in eyre. or in ouzt ellys.
þe souerayne cause *and* þe skyle why he made hem

Was his owne god wyl *and* his goo[d]nesse.
thorw þe whiche godnesse. as he ys al good.

15 he wolde þat sum creaturis of þo þat he made
were commeneris of þat blys þat euyr lastys.
And for no creature miȝt come to þat blys
withouthe knowynge of god as þe clerk techys.

he made skylful creaturis as angelys *and* man
20 of wit *and* of wisdom to know god almyȝty.
and thorwȝ his knowynge loue hym *and* serue hym
and so come to þat blysse / þat þey were made to.
This maner of knowynge had oure former faderys
in þe stat of innocence. þat þey were mad yn.
25 þat we schuld haue had : yf þey had not synned.
But not so-mokyl as holy sowlys haue now in heuen.
but mochyl more þen any man has now in erthe.
For oure former faderis synned says þe prophete.

P. Nos Frater Johannes permissione Divina Cantuarensis Archiepiscopus, totiusque Angliæ Primas, præsentibus cupientes incommotis obviare: sperantes, quod Christi patrocinate gratia, ad hoc nos
4 posse proficere cum Fratrum ac Episcoporum nostrorum, ac cætero-

reason of their
sin,
Lam., v, 7.

T. And we bere *the* wickednesse of thaire misdede.

—*Trenorum ultimo*—

For *the* knowing that thai had of god almighten,
25 Thai had it of goddes gitt at thaire begynnyng
With-oute *travaile* or trey or passyng of tyme;
And all *the* knowyng pat we have in pis world of
him,

this knowledge
comes only by
teaching,

Is of heryng, and leryng and techyng of othir,
Of *the* lawe and þe lare pat langes till halikirke,
30 *The* whilke al creatures that loues god almighten
Awe to knawe and to kun, *and* lede þaire lyue aftir;
And so com to *that* bliffe *that* never more blynnes.

but is needful to
never-ending
bliss.

Many are ignor-
ant of this,

And forði that mikill folke now in *this* world
Ne is noght wele ynogh lered to knawe god al-
mighten,

35 Ne loue him, ne *serue* him als thai suld do,
Als thaire dedis ofte sithe openly shewes,
In grete peril of thaim to lyue and to sawle,
And *perauenture the* defaiter in thaim,
That has thaire saules to kepe, and suld teche thame,
40 Als *prelates, parsons, vikers, and prestes*
That er halden be dette for to lere thame—

and the fault
may be in the
clergy, who are
bound to teach
them.

Archbishop
Thoresby, after
the example of
Christ, is desirous
of the salvation
of all.

Oure fadir *the* Ercebishop, *that* god almighten saue,

That als saint Paule sais of Iesu crist,

—*Paulus ad Thimotheum secundo ca.*—

44 Will that al men be saufe *and* knawe god almighten,

C. *Christianæ legis observantiis instructi, quod tam ex nostra, quam ex rectorum, vicariorum, et sacerdotum parochialium, qui ipsos juxta susceptæ curæ debitum haberemus instruere, incuria, ne dicamus ignorantia, dicitur evenire; per quod (quod Deus avertat) de facili, via patere potest erroribus, et gravibus periculis animarum.*

10 Nos volentes, ut tenemur, super hoc remedium apponere salutare,

L. *and we bere þe wykkydnesse of þair mysdedys.*

30 for knowing þat þey hadde of god almyȝthy :

þey hadde yt of goddys gyfte at þare begynnynge
withowte travayl or tray or passynge of tyme.

And al þe knawynge þat we haue in þis werld of
hym

ys of herynge *and* larnynge. *and* wyssynge of othyr.

35 of þe lawe *and* þe lore þat longys at holy chyrche.

þe whyche alle creaturis þat loue god almyȝty
owe to knowe *and* lede here lyf þeraftr.

and so come to þat blys þat neuer schal haue ende.
and for þat now mekyl folk in this world.

40 ys not wel lernyd to knowe god almyȝty.

ne loue hym ne serue hym. as þey schold dō.

as þayr dedys often tyme opunly schewys

in gret perel of þaym to lyf *and* to sowle.

and paraventure þe cawse may be in ham :

45 þat han here sowlys to kepe. *and* schulde teche þaym.

as prelatys. persons. *and* vycars. *and* oþer prestys.

þat haue take þat offyce. *and* ar hokdyn be dette to
lere þaym.

And no prestts * may be excusid ffor be trew dette

þey holdyng to teche þaym

And þerfore oure fadyr þe archiepyschop wyll þat

alle men knowe god

50 *and* be saf. for Seynt Poul. seys of god :

þat iesu wyll þat alle men be saf *and* know god
almyȝty.

[fol. 16]
Priests cannot be
excused from
teaching; and the
Archbishop de-
sires that all men
should have the
knowledge of God,
according to what
St Paul says of
our Lord.

P. rum nostræ Provinciæ Prælatorum assistentia efficaci, de prudentum
viroꝝ consilio hoc Sacrum Concilium mandauimus convocari.

Ignorantia Sacerdotum populum præcipitat in foveam erroris, et
clericorum stultitia vel ruditas, qui de fide Catholica mentes
9 fidelium instruere iubentur, magis aliquando ad errorem proficit,

With advice of
his Convocation
he requires all
curates to teach
and preach pub-
licly in English.

- T.** And namely thas underloutes that to him langes,
Has treted and ordayned for *commune profet*,

Thurgh the consaile of his clergie,
That ilkane that vndir him has keypyng of saules,
Openly on Inglis opon sononndaies
50 Teche and *preche* thaim, that thai haue cure of,
The lawe and the lore to knawe god all-mighten,
That *principali* mai be shewed in *this* sex thinges :
In þe fourtene poyntes that falles to *the* trouthe ;

C. sacro approbante cleri nostrarum diocesis at provinciæ consilio,
super hoc sic duximus ordinandum, ut quilibet rector, vicarius,
capellanus parochialis et curatus alius, saltem diebus dominicis,
sine exquisita verborum subtilitate exponant, seu exponere faciant,
15 populo in vulgari

- L.** *and* namely þe vndirlynges þat to hym longys.
 and þerfore he has trefyd *and* ordeynyd for þe
 comyn profyt
 thorow þo conseyl of hys clergy
 55 þat euerych þat vndyr hym has kepyng of sowlys
 opunly on englysch vpon sundays
 preche *and* teche ham: þat þey haue cure of.
 þe lawe *and* þe lore to knowe god almyȝty *and* hys
 werkys.

Pater noster. qui es in celis.

The Lord's
Prayer

- We schuſt be-leue þat þis pater noster.
 60 þat crist hym self techis to alle cristyn men.
 passys oþer prayers in these thre thyngis. surpasses other
prayers
 In auctorite. In sotylte. *and* profyt to his chyrche.
 Hyt passis in auctorite. For crist hym self boþe god in original
authority,
and man:
 made yt *and* tauȝt hyt: for cristyn men to vse hyt.
 65 And he ys most of auctorite as oure be-leue techis vs.
 And here-fore þe gospel of **Mathew.** seys þat crist **MT. 6°.**
 bad vs pray thus.
 Hyt passys also in sotylte. For we schulle vndyr- subtile wisdom,
 stonde.
 þat in þese vij askyngkys are conteyned
 alle þe poyntys of þis world in þe whiche is ony wyt
 70 And so shortly to comprehend so moche wyt in
 playn wordys

P. quam ad doctrinam. Quidam etiam cæci non semper loca visitant, quæ magis constat veritatis lumine indigere, testante propheta qui ait, quod *Parvuli petierunt panem nec erat qui frangeret*:—Threnorum Ieremiæ, iv, 4—et alio clamante, quia *Egeni et pauperes querunt aquas, lingua eorum siti aruit.* Esaia, li, 17.

- 15 In quorum remedium discriminum statuendo Præcipimus, ut quilibet sacerdos plebi præsidens quater in anno, hoc est, semel in qualibet quarta anni, una die solenni vel pluribus, per se vel per alium, exponat populo vulgariter absque cuiuslibet subtilitatis textura fantastica

T. (*Nothing in original to correspond with L.*)**L.** ys a sotylte of god passyng þe wyt of man.and advantage 'n
using.The þrydde we schulle suppose þat no prayer in þe
worldis more profitable to man sythen þat crist hym self
schal here al.

First Petition.

¶ The fyrst askyng of þis pater noster stondis in
þese wordis75 **Our fadyr þat art in heuyn: halwyd be þy name.**In whyche wordys. we mow lerne þat men worthy
to be herd:must be knyght in charite. *and* meknese of herte.sythen al þe holyte (*sic*) trinite ys fadyr of vs alle*and* holy chyrche is modyr. we schulde loue as
breþern.80 **And sethen god ys so hyȝ in heuyn a-boue al his
angelys.***and* we be so low in erthe. wrappid with many
myscheuys./we schulde be resoun be meke *and* buxum to þis lordand mekely pray to oure fadyr þatt halwyd be his
name.

So as his name ys halowyd nedlych in hym-self:

85 **so be hys name halwyd. *and* stedfast in oure sowle.**For whan oure sowle was mad to lyknesse of þe
trinite:

goddis hyȝ name was prentyd þeryn.

The second
Petition.The secunde askyng of þis prayer. stondys in these
wordys.**Thy reme come to þe, in-to þe blysse of heuyn.**

[fol. 2]

90* **In so as þe furste askyng. answerys to þe fadyr:**

so þe secunde askyng a[n]swerys to þe sone.

For he ys þat nobyl man. þat com down in-to erthe
to gete hym a Reme. *and* aftyr to turne aȝen.

The Reme of þis fadyr ys callyd Holy chyrche.

L. þat at þe day of dome schal go hennys in-to heuyn
¶ The thrydde askyng. seyth þus **Be thy wylle** Third Petition.
don.

as yt ys fully don in hevyn! so be yt don in
erthe.

And þis thrydde askyng. answeris to þe holy gost
ffor he ys good loue of þe ffadyr. and of þe sone.

100 And al-thaw þese askyngys most nedelynge be
fulfyllyd!

natheles mannys sowle ys lyfte vp with charite
with desyre heyzed with god. and þat ys a prayer
Thus we seye blyssyd be god. and oþer thyngys
þat nedis mot be

And þese thre askyngys! am to þe holy Trinite.

105 And þerfore we schape oure wordys only to god.

The secunde part of þis prayer conteynes foure Fourth Petition.
askyngys.

Furst we preye oure fadyr þus

Fadyr oure eche day bred gyf vs to day. Food

And þis may be wel vndirstonde! on þre manerys.

110 ¶ as seynt Austyn seyþ be wit of god almyzthy.

Furst we aske oure bodely fode! for to serue oure for the body;
fadyr.

aftyr we aske þe sacrament to haue mende of oure in the Eucharist;
Fadyr.

And aftyrward we aske goddys word to fede with in God's word.
oure sowle.

And for we haue nede of alle þese yche day!

115 þerfore crist callys hem oure eche day bred.

and for we schulde be trewe! and ete oure owne
bred!

[*And not in wrong ete our neeghboris breed*]

þerfore crist techis vs to aske of hym oure bred.

And for crist wolde þat oure hope were freschyd
in hym!

120 oure thogth and oure mynde. and alle oure desyre!

T. (*Nothing in original to correspond with L.*)

The fifth Petition.

L. þerfore he byddys vs aske þis mete of hym to day
¶ The secunde part of þis askyngge (*askyngge of þis part*) sewyþ in þese wordys.

For-ȝeue vs oure dettys: as we do to oure dettours.

These dettys þat we owe to god: ar seruyse þat we owe to hym.

125 **And** as ofte tymes as we fayle: we renne in-to dette of peyne.

and but god for-ȝeue vs þis dette of synne: we be nat worthy to haue auȝt of oure fadyr.

And for god wyl þat we loue oure breþeryn.

he knyttys to a condicioun vndyr whyche: we aske þis bone.

130 **þat** he schulde forȝeue vs oure dettys; as we forȝeue oure dettowrys.

So þat ȝif we be vn-mercyful to men þat be oure dettours

[fol. 2b]

trist we to oure fadyr *þat he wyl punysche vs.

And so we praye oure hyȝe iuge aȝens oure owyn hed.

But vndirstonde we. þat we mowe lefully

135 aske of oure broþern dette of erthelyche thyngys.

but þis askyngge mot be in resoun *and* charite.

And þan yt [*is*] for charite *and* loue *and* profyt to oure neyȝebore.

and here we mot fle bothe rancour *and* hate.

and envyte to oure [neyȝbore] with oþer schrewde castys

140 ¶ The thrydde askyngge of þis part swyt in these wordys./

Oure Fadyr lede vs nat in temptacioun.//

Sop yt ys þat crist was temptyd. *and* god temptys man for loue.

L. But hard it ys *and* greuous peyne to be lad in temptacioun.

For whan man of his foly. in-to myre of synne fallys.

145 Ryȝt jugement of god wol make hym synke deppyr./
And herfore we pray hym *our* fadyr
þat he lede vs nat in-to þis hardnesse of synne
lest we come neuer owt.

And herfore þe laste askyng se wyþ in þese wordis. The seventh Petition.

150 But *gracius* fadyr delyuere vs fro euyl.

The worst þyng in þis world is wykkydnesse of synne.

Sytthe a man for noþyng schulde wyll to do synne:

sythen for al þis world. ne nogt þer-yn schuld ony man do synne.

But sythen sum synnes be moche werse þan sum:

155 In þis last askyng we pray delyueraunce of þe werste synne.

The werst synne ys þe deuelys synne

þat man deyes yn *without* repentaunce.

þat euyl schal be punyschyd. and þat callys þe gospel:

synne aȝenst þe holy gost.

160 God for his grete mercy: kepe vs fro þis euyl.

And þan schulen we haue euer-lastyngge fredam.
Amen.

Aue Maria.

Men gretyþ comunly oure lady goddys moder

and we suppose þat þis gretynge sauys many a man

For we take as be-leue. þat sche ys blyssyd in heuyn.

165 And crist wyl do at hyr prayyng among al oþyr seyntys.

And þow we trow þat noþer crist ne sche wil do for man but yt be resonable.

The Angelle Salutation to the Blessed Virgin

is laid down as being a means of salvation.

Christ will answer her prayers as those of other saints for men that are worthy.

T. (*Nothing in original to correspond with L.*)**L.** and men þat ben worthy to be holpyn.And so now men triste to be holpyn fully in
suche prayer.The Salutation is
made up of170 In þre partyes comunlyche þis gretynge ys dyuydyd.
The furst part contenys þe wordys of Gabriel.
whan he seyde to þis lady.the greeting of
the angel,**Heyl ful of grace: god is with the.**

[fol. 3]

The secunde part of þis gretynge *buth wordys
þat Elysabeth spake to hyr whan sche sayde.the blessing of
Elizabeth,175 Blyssyd be þou amonge wommen. and blyssyd be
þe fruyt of þy wombe.and two words
tacked on.The pryddde part has two wordys clowtyd for
deuocoun. Maria. and Iesus./The name of Mary
left out to prove
the familiarity of
Gabriel.Furst men seyn. **Heyl Marie þat gabryel left** in
his gretyngeto teche vs þat he was homly and knowyn with
þis lady.

and þerfore wold he not nempne þis name of marie.

The name of
Jesus, Saviour,
left out, for Mary
had no other son;
and He did not
die for our salva-
tion till after-
wards.180 The secunde word ys **Iesvs.** addyd to elyzabethis
wordysand þis word lefte þe gospel here. to teche þat
marye hadde but on child.and þis child was *iesus*. þat is sauour of man-kynde.But þis fyl longe [*after*] þat oure lady was gret þis.Ave read back-
wards in Eva;
hence a contrast.The furste word. þat is aue. reuersys þe name
of Eua

185 to teche vs þat oure lady contrarryd Eue in levyng.

Adam and Eve
brought men
under condemna-
tion, from which
our Lord and His
mother saved
them.For ry3th as Adam and Eue were cause of damp-
nyng of man-kynde:So *iesus* and Marie ben cawse of mannys saluacioun.The secunde word of þe angel seys. oure lady was
ful of *grace*.Grace of three
kinds:And man may be ful of *grace* on thre maneris be
godys lawe.

- L.** Furst of hym-self. as *crist* was þe furst qwyk welle of grace. In Christ as the well-spring;
- for of hym spronge *grace* to alle men after hym.
- Our lady was ful of grace as a stronde ful of watyr in the Blessed Virgin as a chan-
[And] gaf grace plenteous hoþe to oþer men *and* nel to others;
 wommen.
- Seynt Steuyn was ful of *grace* þat sufficyd to his lyf for to bryng hym to blysse. in St. Stephen sufficient unto his life's end.
- 195 *and* so be many oþer seyntyty. and so god ys *with* alle creaturis.
- But specialy *with* men þat schul be sauýd.
- But more specialy *with* þe chaumbyr of his manhed þat was oure lady marie.
- But bothe þe Angel *and* Elyzabeth seyde þat oure lady is blyssid The words of Gabriel and Elizabeth both declare the blessedness of Saint Mary.
- a-mong alle wommen þat be for genderyng of seche a child.
- 200 And so þe be-gynnynge *and* þe endynge schuld be blessynge of *iesu*.
- þat is froyt of þe wombe of oure lady seynt Marie.
- The þridde part of þis gretynge addis two wordys to þe gospel The added words good in themselves,
- þat ben Maria *and* *iesus* *and* two devowt wordis.
- But for it ys hard to men to grounde hem leue. to adde þis. but the addition to the written word is questionable,
- 205 sythe godis lawe seys þat men schulde nat vp-on gret peyne.
- adde to goddys word.
- Hit ys seyð þat þe pope gefys gret pardoun to men þat addys þese wordys. though the Pope does grant an indulgence for it.
- and be þe same skyle þat men schuld triste to eny pardoun :
- men schuld triste to þis pardoun. be yt four score dayes or more.
- 210 And as þe pope may ȝeue þis pardoun be addyngge of þese two *wordys. And if this indulgence, then [fol. 3 b]

T. (*Nothing in original to correspond with L.*)

he may corrupt
God's word.

Either this, or
there was a defect
at the first.

Besides, if indul-
gences are granted
in this way,
why not—it is
asked *ad ab-
surdum*—to any
extent?

The words of the
gospel are enough
for us; and so let
us honour Mary
to the most of our
power.
Faith is the
foundation of all
virtues;
hence the value of
the three Creeds.
As to the Apos-
tle's Creed,—

† York MS. omits.

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whichever apostle
made the several
parts, or when,—
God ordained it
all for our learn-
ing.

Failing their
spiritual Supe-
riors,

L. so may he adde oþer mo. *and* with-drawe as
hym-self lykys.

and so turne godys lawe! in-to lawe of antecrist.

Oþer men moste graunt þis way. or say þat þis was
furst [a] defawte kept to þe pope to amende.

215 And herfore thynkys men þat þe wordys of þe
gospel

were wysly set in þe gospel with-owte varynge.

And many men thynkys ouer [:] 3if suche pardoun
myzt be grauntyd lyztlyche

with lasse travayle yt schulde be grauntyd generaly
to men þat devowtly sey þese names.

220 And so myzt pardoun be gotun to sey yche day a
kady sawter:

{[3^{he}.] ten þowsand 3er in on 3ere./

Trust we to þe wordys of þe gospel. and worschipe
we Marie with al our myzt. **Amen.**

Hyt ys soþ. þat beleue is ground of alle vertues.
and þefore eche cristyn man schulde be
sad in beleue.

225 Ther be þre credys in þe chirche.

Crede of þe apostelys. *and* Crede of þe chyrche.

and Crede of attanasy. þat was a gret doctour.

But of þe fyrste Crede schulde cristyn men speke.

For yt is more comyn and more schortyr þan eny
oþer.

† York MS. omits. 230 Ne bysy we vs nat what †þet apostyl made.

†net what party of þis holy Crede. *and* whan þe
apostelys gaderyd yt.

For oure beleue techis vs þat god ordeynyd hyt al.

and bad þat men schuld cun hyt *and* teche yt to
oþer

And 3if prelatys faylyn in þis Crist seyde þat
stonys schulde crye

- I.** and seeler lordys schuld in defawte of prelatys
 lerne *and* preche þe law of god in here modyr tonge.
 Ne study we nat how many partyes ben in þis
 holy crede. temporal lords
must teach the
Scripture in
English.
- For sob it is: þat alle þese partyes ben contenyd
 in thre. Three chief truths
in the Creed,
- And herfore men seyn þrys: þat þey trow in god./
- 240 Fyrst þey trow in þe Fadyr. for he ys [þe] fyrst
 persone.
- Aftyr þey trow in Iesu crist. be dyuers artyclys.
 and sytthe þey trow in þe holy gost.
- And eche on of þese thre partyes contenys many
 partyclys (*articles*).
- But we schul wele wyte: þat þese thre thyngys and three kinds
of believing:
 ben wel sotel *and* diuers.
- 245 Trow in god. *and* [trow] to god.
and trow god þat ys þe leste.
- þat man levys in god: þat cleuys to him be charite. faith in God by
love;
and þus eche man þat ys in hed synne. is owt of
 his beleue.
- That man trowys to god. þat beleuyþ
- 250 þat he is trewe *and* ryztful in al þyng þat he seyþ.
 And þus do vnkende men þat trow not in hym.
- That man trowys god: þat trowys þat he ys. belief in His
righteousness;
and so do *deuelys þat trow not in hym.
- The fyrst part of þis Crede: conteynys þre artyculys. belief in His
being.
[fol. 4]
- 255 Furst þat men schulde trow in þe fyrst person
 þat ys þe fadyr of heuyn and power of god.
and so schulde men trowe þat he is al-myȝty. God, the Father
almighty,
- So if he wyl auȝt be don: he dos hit whan hym
 lykys.
- and so þe thridde artycule stondys in þis. maker of heaven
and earth.
- 260 þat he made of noȝt boþe heuyn *and* erthe.
and ȝit schul men trow þat al-myȝty ys comen to
 þre personys. The attribute
of almightiness
common to the
three Persons,
- Al-myȝty ys þe fadyr. Al-myȝty ys þe sone.

T. (*Nothing in original to correspond with L.*)

L. And al-myȝty ys þe holy gost. ȝit schul not men
trowe.

but these three
are one God.

þat þese ben thre almyȝty goddys / but on god
almyȝty./

As to Jesus
Christ,

265 The secunde part of þis Crede. be-gynnys at *iesu crist.*
and towchis xiiij. artyculis þat stondis in ordre.

He is the Word
of God,
became Man, in
the perfection of
His Godhead.

Furst men schuld trow in goddys word. or his sone.
Aftyr men schuld trow. þat he becom man
stondynge his godhed þat he myȝt not lese.

He is the only
begotten son of
the Father,
and of one sub-
stance with Him :

270 The thridde tyme we schuld trow. þat þe fadyr
of heuyn

has but on suche sone euyn *with hym* in kende.
and þis ys Iesus oure lord. be godhed *and* be manhed.
sythen he made vs of noȝt. and bowȝt vs fro synne.
The iiij articule of þis parte seys þat crist was
conseyuyd of þe holy gost.

conceived by the
Holy Ghost;
not naturally
ingendered;

275 nat as oþer men gete childryn be kynde.

Sethyn þis person ys no man : but þe holy gost./
þe whyche ys lyf [*loue*] be sum propyrte.
and most tokyn of lyf [*loue*] : þat god wold schewe
to man was.

þat he wold take oure kende. *and* be-come oure
broþer./

280 *and þerfore* we beleue þat oure lord *iesu* :
was conseyuyd of þe holy gost. *with-owte* mannys
genderynge.

miraculously born
of the Virgin
Mary.

The fyfte tyme we schuld be-leue. þat oure lord *iesu*
was born of þe *virgyn* Marie. as of his owne modyr.
þat was euer *virgine with-owte* knowynge of man.

285 al-þow crist tok of hire / matere of hys body./
and seþyn sche norischyd hym *withynne* as oþer
childyr ar norschid.

But he went owt of here body be myracle. as he
was formyd.

- L.** The vj tyme we schul trowe *pat*. after. xxxij. ^{ti} 3er: *Suffered under Pontius Pilate.*
 he suffrid hard passioun vndir pounce pilate.
- 290 for to by man-kynd and mayntene trewthe.
and so he was don on *pe* cros. *and* after ded *and* *Crucified, dead, and buried.*
 beryyd.
 sethen his sowle went to helle *and* tok owt *pe* *Descended into hell.*
 sowlys
pat he ordeynyd to saue: be-fore *pis* world was
 made.
and sethyn vp-on *pe* thrydde day his sowle com to *Rose again the third day.*
 his body
- 295 *and qwykyd hyt as be-forn. And ros owt of [fol. 4 b]
pe sepulcre.
 and sethyn whan he hadde efte tyme. schewyd to
 his disciphis his resurreccioun.
 he stey3 vp to heuyn as *pey* saw opunly. *Ascended into heaven.*
and *per* he syttys now in best sete *pat* may acorde
 to man.
 an *pat* ys callyd *pe* ry3t syde of god *pe* fadyr. *Sitteth at the right hand of the Father,*
 300 and at *pe* laste he schal come down here to man. *from whence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*
and jugge sum to blysse. *and* *oper* to helle
 for euer-more to be *pere* withoutyn dwellynge here.
 The thrydde part of *pis* Crede be-gynnys at *pe*
 holy gost.
 in wham we schul trow sethyn *pat* he ys god. *Belief in God the Holy Ghost.*
- 305 And .vj. artyculis ben knyht to *pis* part of *pe*
 Crede.
 Furst we schul trow. *pat* *per* ys general chirche *The Holy Catholick Church, here regarded as of angels and saints in heaven, and those men here in earth, who shall attain to eternal glory.*
 of angelys and seyntyngs in heuyn. *and* of alle *pat*
 schul be sauyd.
 and *pis* after *pe* day of dom. schal be with-uten
 synne.
 with here spowse in endles ioye. and iche on haue
 Ioye of *oper*.
- 310 And noman here in erthe: ys parte of *pis* chirche.
 but if he come to heuyn be his holy lyuynge.

T. (*Nothing in original to correspond with L.*)

Hence in this life men have no certainty whether they are part of the Church, which is only of those who should be saved.

It has three states :

Wandering (in the wilderness of this life).
Sleeping in purgatory.
Resting in heaven.

Hence evil popes and prelates are not members of this Church.

The Communion of Saints holds of each of these states ;

and so the Forgiveness of sins,

the Resurrection of the Body,

and the Life everlasting.

The five senses

L. *and þus men lakkys knowynge. wheþer þey ben partyes of holy chirche.*

For þey schuld nat boste of heyne in here prelacy :
But þey mot leue aftyr crist : 3yf þey schul be sauýd.

315 For þus techis oure be-leue. how-euer antecrist werke./

And so þis chirche. has þre statys be processe of tyme.

Fyrst he wandrys here in erthe. *and* sethen he slepys in purgatory.

and aftyr he restys in blysse of crist þat ys here spowse.

And so as sum men thynke. þese popys ne þese prelatys

320 ar nat part of holy chirche : but of synagoge [*of sathanas*]

sythen þey mot leue aftyr crist. 3if þey schul be sauýd./

þus techis our be-leue. how-euyr antecrist grucchis.

And schul we trowe so. þat eche parte of þis chyrche :

commovys (*commonys*) *and* helpys othir. boþe here and in heuyn.

325 But in heuyn : þey schul yn reste haue ioýe of here blysse.

And so schul we trow þat eche part of þys chirche : schal haue ful remissioun of synne þat yt has don [*and so arise*] in body *and* in sowle [*at þe day of doom*].

with glorie in ham bothe : and so euyr lyue in blysse. Amen.

330 **T**he be-houys to know þy fyue wyttys þe vttyr *and* þe ynnyr.

- L.** and to spend hem in good vse: *and* in þe louynge of god./ must be used to the praise of God;
- þe fyrst ys. syzt of eye. þe toþer. heryng of Ere. the five outer senses;
- þe þyrd. tast of Mowþ. The ferþe smellyng of nese.
- þe fyfte *handlynge or towchyng of membris./ [fol. 5]
- 335 Kepe so þy syzt: þat þou se nothyng sight,
- þat ys not leful to se or may harme þy sowle.
- and kepe þy heryng so: þat þow here no euyl speche hearing,
- or þyng þat is nat honeste ne profitable./
- and kepe so þy tast. þat þou swolow no more taste,
- 340 þan ys nede or myster to þy bodily sustynauce.
- And kepe so þy smellyng. þat yt make þe nat to smell,
- ete ouer moche./
- ne delite not ouer mekyl in smellyng. ne vgge þou
- not *with* seknesse of þyn euyndristyn.
- And kepe so þy towchyng: þat þou *with*-draw þe and touch.
- fro schameful towchyng
- or handlyng bare of man. or of womman.
- 345 handyl þou not vnhonestly þy self. ne noon oþer.
- ne let non oþer towche þe vnhonestly.
- For 3if þy flesche neghþe ony towching vnclene:
- þou may not þe dede etthwe or eschewe.//
- T**hese ben also þy fyue Inwyttys. The five inner senses:
- 350 Wyl./ Resoun./ Mynd./ ymaginacioun. and
- thogth.
- lok þat þy wyl. be good *and* holy. will,
- and loke þat þy Resoun rewle þe. *and* nat þy reason,
- flesch lust./
- and* loke þat þy Mynde. be good *and* honest. memory,
- And lok þyn ymagynacioun be spedynge in louyng imagination,
- of god.
- 355 *and* not be set to harm or schame.
- And loke þy thowzt be groundyd in þe ioyn of thought.
- heuyn:
- and* drede þe peyne of helle.
- and* þynk not ouer mekyl in þe vanite of þe world.

Enumeration of
"the six things:"

T. The lawe and the lore to knawe god all-mighten,
52 *That* principali may be shewed in *this* sex thinges :

1. The Points of
belief.
2. The Command-
ments.

In *the* fourtene poyntes that falles to *the* trouthe,
In *the* ten comandementez that god has gyven us,

3. The Sacra-
ments.
4. The works of
mercy.
5. The chief
virtues.
6. The deadly
sins.

55 In *the* seuen Sacrementz that er in hali kirke,
In seuen dedis of merci until oure euen-cristen ;
In *the* seuen vertues that ilk man sal use,
And in *the* seuen dedely sinnes that man sal refuse.

And these all
curates are bidden
to teach, and
require all within
their cures,

¶ And he comandes and biddes in al that he may,
60 That all that haues keypyng or cure undir him
Enioygne thair parochiens and thaire sugettes,

That thai here *and* lere this ilk sex thinges,

C. articulos fidei, præcepta tam novi quam veteris
testamenti, opera misericordiæ, virtutes principales, gratiæ sacra-
17 menta et peccata ¹mortalia cum sua sequela ; et quod vice nostra
injungant parochianis suis, viris et mulieribus, quod ipsi et eorum
singuli præmissa omnia diligenter audiant et addiscant ; et quod
20 hæc parvulos suos, filios et filias, clare doceant et ipsos ad hæc

¹ fol. 298.

L. But þynk deuowtly on þe passion of crist in wo /
and in wele.

360 and he schal helpe þe in al þy nede./

These be þe wittys. þe whiche god has geuyn vs Our senses given us to know God and come to that joy, which
to know hym *with*. and to rewle vs thorwȝ wysdam./
and leue holy lyf as good seruauntys of god
schuld do.

and eschewe perelys of synne. and so to come to
þat Ioye :

365 þat god has ordeynynd vs to be made fore He has ordained for us.
to þe wiche Ioy he vs brynge : þat deyde for vs
vp-on þe rode. amen.

And yf we wyl come þe ioye þat y (*haue*)
spokyn of.

vs be-houys to know god almyȝty.

þe whyche principaly may be schewyd in þese vj
thyngys

370 In þe xiiij poyntis of þe feyþ.

In þe ten comaundementys þat god has comaundynd
to vs.

In þe .vij. Sacramentys þat be in holy chyrche

In þe seuen dedys of mercy to oure euyn-crystyn.

In þe .vij. vertues þat yche man schuld vse.

375 and in þe seuyn dedly synnes : þat yche man
schuld refuse.

And he byddys. *and* *comaundys in al þat he may. [fol. 5 b]

þat alle þat has kepyng or cure vndyr hym.

schuld comaund *and* charge here parochenys *and*
sogettys

þat þey here *and* lere : þese sex thyngys.

P. XIII Fidei articulos ; x. Mandata decalogi ; duo
Præcepta evangelii, videlicet, geminæ charitatis ; et vii. etiam Opera
11 misericordiæ ; vii. Capitalia peccata, cum sua progenie ; vii. Virtutes
principales ; ac etiam vii. Gratia sacramenta.

to teach them to
their children.

T. And oft sithes reherce tham til that thai kun thaime,
And sithen teche tham thair childir, if thai any haue,

65 What tyme so thai er of eld to lere tham.

And that parsons *and* vikers and al paroche prestes
Enquere diligently of thair sugettes, in the lentyn
tyme,

Enquiry to be
made in this
matter,
when they come
to confession,

When thai come to shrift, whethir thai kun this
sex thinges,

And if it be funden that thai kun thaim noght,

70 That thai enzoynge tham upon his behalue,
And of payne of penaunce for to kun tham.

and that none
may plead want
of learning,
they are put forth
in English.

And forthi that nane sal excuse tham

Thurgh unknaleshyng for to kun tham,

11 Our fadir the Ercebisshop of his godenesse

75 has ordayned *and* bidden that thai be shewed
Openly on inglis o-monges the folk.

I. Points of
belief:

¶ **Wharefore onentes the first of this sex thinges,**
That is, to know the articles that falles to the trouthe,
Als gret clerkes techis *and* shewes in thair bokes,

80 Thare falles un-to the faithe fourtene poyntes

the Godhead,
the Incarnation.

Of whilk seuen falles to goddes godhede,

And othir seuen falles to christes manhede.

1. Oneness of God.

The first poynt that we sal trowe of the godhede
Is to trowe stedefastly in a trew god,

C. addiscenda compellant; et quod saltem in singulis quadragesimis
dicti curati parochianos suos an hæc sic didicerint et sciverint, et
sic liberos suos instruxerint, examinent, exquisite injungentes non
parentibus in hac parte pœnitentiam salutarem, quam pro tempore,
25 prout eorum requirit inobedientia, studeant aggravare.

Et ne quis super hiis per ignorantiam se valeat excusare, hæc
sub verbis planis et incultis, ut sic levius in publicam deducantur
notitiam, fecimus annotare.

¶ **PRIMO SCIENDUM EST quod secundum theologos xiiij. sunt**
30 **articuli fidei**, quorum septem pertinent ad divinitatem, et septem
ad Christi humanitatem.

¶ **Primus Articulus** pertinens ad divinitatem est in unum
Deum credere firma fide.

L. and ofte reherce hem tyl þey cun hem.
and sethen teche hem to here childyr yf þey ony
haue.

what tyme þey be of elde.

And þat personys vicars *and* parysch prestys
a-spye besily of here sugetys in þe lentun tyme

385 whan þey come to schryft yf þey know *and* cunne
þese sex thyngys.

And yf it be found þat þey cun hem not :

þat þey charge hem on godys behalue
and of peyne of penaunce for to cun hem.

And for non schuld excuse hym

390 of vnkūnys for to cun hem :

oure fadyr þe archebyschop

hap ordeynyd *and* biddis þat þey be schewid
opunly on englysch tonge among þe pepyl.

wher fore azens þe fyrste of þese sex thyngys

395 þat is to knowe þe artyculys þat fallyþ to þe trewþe
as gret clerkys techyn. *and* schewyn in here bokys

¶ Ther falle to þe feyþ. xiiij poyntys.

Seuen falle vn-to godys godhed.

and oþer seuen vn-to cristys manhed

400 **T**he fyrst poynt þat we schul trowe of þe godhed. .1.
ys to trow stedfastlyche in o trew god.

P. Et ne quis a prædictis per ignorantiam se excuset, quæ tamen omnes ministri Ecclesiæ scire tenentur, ea perstringimus summaria
25 brevitate.

Sciendum est igitur VII esse fidei articulos pertinentes ad mysterium Trinitatis, quorum quatuor pertinent ad Deitatis intrinseca, tres vero ad effectus.

Primus est, Unitas Divinæ Essentiæ in trium Personarum
30 indivisibili Trinitate, juxta illud, *Credo in unum Deum.*

T. And that nane othir is for to trowe in.

2. The Father is
very God.

The tothir is, that the hegh fadir of heuen
Is stedefast and sothefast god almighty.

3. The Son is God
equal with the
Father.

The third is, that Iesu crist goddes son of heuen
Is sothefastly god euen til his fadir.

4. The Holy Ghost 90
proceeding from
the Father and
the Son, is very
God, equal with
Them both.

The ferthe poynt is, that the hali gast,
That samenly comes of bothe the fadir *and* the son,

Is sothefastly god, and euen til tham bothe.

Nevertheless not
three Gods, but
three several
Persons and One
God.

And though-whethir noght twa goddes the fadir
and the son,

Ne thre goddes the fadir, *and* the son, *and* the
haligast,

95 Bot thre se[r]e persons and noght bot a god.

5. The One and
Triune God is
[fol. 295 b]
maker of heaven
and earth and all
things.

The fift point is, that the trinite
Fadir *and* sone *and* haligast, *thre persons and a god,

Is maker of heuen *and* of erthe *and* of all things.

6. The Church is
holy and one,
the fellowship of
all Christian
people in sacra-
ments and other
gifts.

The sext poynt is, *that* halikirk our modir

100 Is hali and allane thurgh-out the world,

That is communying and felawred of al cristen folk,

That communes to-gedir in the sacrement;

And in othir hali thinges that falles til halikirk,

In forgyfnes of synnes, and hele of thair saules,

Out of the Church
is no soul safe.

105 For withouten halikirke nis na saule hele.

C. ¶ **Secundus est credere** Patrem omnipotentem esse Deum.

¶ **Tertius est credere** Dominum nostrum Filium ejus unigeni-
tum esse Deum.

¶ **Quartus est credere** Spiritum Sanctum esse Deum, et sic
credendum est Patrem et Filium et Spiritum Sanctum esse unum
Deum.

40 ¶ **Quintus est credere** quod trinus et unus Deus est creator
coeli et terræ.

¶ **Sextus est credere** sanctam ecclesiam catholicam et sanctorum
communicationem, quæ consistit in congregatione et communione
fidelium, et sacramentis ecclesiæ et aliis quibus communicat ecclesia

45 Christiana, ita quod extra istam ecclesiam non est salus.

L. *and noon oþer ys to trow yn.*

The toþer ys þis þat þe heyȝ fadyr of heuyn .2.
is stedfast *and* sothfast god almyȝty.

405 The thrydde ys þat iesu crist godys sone of heuyn .3.
is sothfast god. *and* euyn tyl his fadyr./

The ferthe poynt ys þat þe holygost. .4.

þat to-gedyr commys of hem bothe. þe fadyr *and*
þe sone

ys sothfast god. And euyn to hem bothe.

410 *and* nat two goddys þe fadyr *and* þe sone :

ne thre goddys. þe fadyr *and* þe sone *and* þe holy
gost :

But þre personys. *and* nat but on god./

The fyfte poynt ys þat þe trinite. .5.

fadyr *and* sone *and* holy gost. thre personys *and*
on god

415 ys maker of heuyn *and* erthe. *and* of alle þyngys
þat vnder heuyn be./

The .vj. poynt ys. þat holy chirche oure modyr .6.

ys holly on thorwȝ-owt þe world

þat ys comenyng *and* felaschype of alle cristyn folk

þat comynys to-gydyr in þe sacrament

420 *and* in oþer holy þyngys þat falle to holy chirche :

In forȝevyng of synnes *and* hele of here sowlys.

For withowten holy chirche is no soule heyl.

P. Secundus est, Patrem credere ingenitum esse Deum.
Tertius est, Filium credere unigenitum Dei esse Deum.

Quartus est, credere Spiritum Sanctum nec genitum, nec ingeni-
tum esse Deum, sed a Patre et Filio pariter procedentem.

35 Quintus est, quod creatio cœli et terræ, hoc est, omnis visibilis
et invisibilis creaturæ, est a tota indivisibili Trinitate.

Sextus est, sanctificatio Ecclesiæ per Spiritum Sanctum, et
gratiæ sacramenta, et cætera omnia in quibus communicat Ecclesia
Christiana. In quo intelligitur, quod Ecclesia cum suis sacramentis

40 et legibus per Spiritum Sanctum omni homini, quantumcunque
peccatori, sufficit ad salutem, et quod extra Ecclesiam non est salus.

7. The resurrection and everlasting life of the bodies and souls that are sundred by death until the day of judgment.

- T. The seuent article** that us awe to trow
 Is uprisyng of flesh, and lyfe withouten end,
 For when that dede has sondred our bodies and
 oure saules
 For a *certeyne* tyme, als our kynde askes,
 110 Unto when that god sal deme the quick and the
 dede
 Than our saules sal *turne* ogayn til our bodies,
 And we, thas ilke, and naneothir than we er now,
 Sothefastly sal rise up in bodi and in saule
 That neuermare sal sondir fra that tyme forthe,
 115 Bot samen, if we wele do whiles we er here,
 Wend with god to that blis that euermare lastes,

 And als if we ivel do, til endeles payne.

The Incarnation
of Christ.

1. Conceived by
the Holy Ghost,

and born of the
Virgin Mary
without marring
her motherhood,
or loss to her
maidenhood.

2. God and Man,
but one Christ,

- ¶ **THARE ER OTHIR SEUEN POYNTEs of cristes manhede**
 That er nedefull to trowe til al that er *cristen*.
 120 ¶ The first is, that *Iesu crist*, goddes sone of heuen,
 Was sothefastely consayued of the maiden mari,

 And toke flesh and blode, and bicom e man
 Thurgh might and strenth of the haligast
 Withouten ony meryng of hir modirhede,
 125 Withouten ony mynnyng of hir maidenhede.

 ¶ **That othir poynt**, that we sal trow
 That he, god and man bathe in a person,

C. ¶ **Septimus est** credere carnis resurrectionem et vitam æternam, videlicet, quod omnes in die iudicii sumus in carne et anima veraciter surrecturi, et tunc erit æterna gloria electorum et damnatio perpetua reproborum.

50 ¶ **Primus articulus pertinet ad Christi humanitatem** est vera Christi incarnatio, videlicet, quod Dominus noster Iesus Christus Filius Dei unigenitus conceptus est de Spiritu Sancto sine virili semine ex Maria Virgine incorrupta.

¶ **Secundus est** ipsius Domini nostri Ihesu Christi sic incarnati
 55 nativitas ex dicta Virgine gloriosa.

L. The .vij. article þat vs owe to trow ·7·

his vp-rysyng in flesch *and* lyf *with-owtyn* ende.

425 For whan þe deþ. haþ sundryd *oure bodyes *and* [fol. 6]
oure sowlys.

Fro þat tyme vn-to þe tyme þat god schal deme þe
qwyk *and* þe dede.

þan oure sowlys schal turne aȝen to *our* bodyes.
and we schul þe same *and* non oþer þan we ar now
sothly ryse vp in body. *and* in sowle

430 þat neuer more schal sundyr fro þat tyme forthe
boþe to-gydyr. ȝyf we weel do whyl we be here
wende to god or *with* god in-to blysse þat euer
more schal laste.

And yf we ywyl do: to endles peyne.

Alij. vij. de humanitate Cristi./

These ben oþer seuen poyntys of cristys manhed
435 þat ar nedful to trow to al þat ar criston.

The fyrste ys þat *iesus* crist godyssone of heuyn ·1·
was conseuyd of þe maydyn marie be vertu of þe
holy gost.

And tok flesch *and* blod. *and* be-com man
thorwȝ myȝt *and* strenthe of þe fadyr of heuyn

Christ conceived
by the Holy Ghost,
became Man
through the power
of the Father,
without marring
the maidenhood
of the Virgin,

440 *withowtyn* ony marryng of hyr maydynhed.

The oþer poynt ys þat we schullen trow / ·2·
þat he god *and* man in on persone

P. Septimus est, consummatio Ecclesiæ per gloriam æternam, in anima et in carne veraciter resuscitandæ: Et per oppositum intelligitur æterna damnatio reproborum.

45 Item septem alii pertinent ad Christi Humanitatem.

Primus est, Incarnatio, seu vera carnis assumptio ex sola, per Spiritum Sanctum, Virgine gloriosa.

Secundus est, Vera Incarnati Dei nativitas ex Virgine incorrupta.

begotten of the
Father before
time was,

and born of His
mother in time.

3. Endured bodily
sufferings for
sinful man,
and death on the
cross.

4. When His Body
was buried,
His Spirit, with
His Godhead,
went down to
Hell,

and released those
whom in His fore-
sight He willed to
be saved.

5. Rose from the
Dead very God
and very Man;

by His death hath
destroyed death,
and by His rising
again hath re-
stored to us ever-
lasting life.

T. Was sothefastly born of that blisshed maiden,
Godde, geten of his fadir before any tyme,
130 And man borne of his modir and brought forthe in
tyme.

¶ The third poynt that we sal trowe is cristes
passion,
That he tholed bodily for synfulman kynd,
Howe he was traised with his disciple, *and* taken
with Iues,
Beten with skourges that no skyn held,
135 Nailed and (*on*) the rode, and corouned with
thornes,
And many othir hard paynes, and died atte last.

¶ The ferthe article is, that when he was dede,
And his bodi tane doune, and wonden, and doluen
Yit, to whiles that his bodi lai in the *graue*,
140 The saule with the godhede went untill hell,
And heried it, and toke oute thas that wer his,
Als Adam *and* Eue, and othir forme-fadirs

Whilke he in his forloke wold that wer saued.
¶ The fift poynt is, that on the third day
145 Aftir that he died, he ras fra dede un-to lyue,
Sothefast god, and man in bodi and in saule,
✕ For als he died in sekenesse of our manhede,
Als he ras thurgh strenthe of his godhede,
And so destrueyd our dede thurgh his dieyng,
150 And whikend us un-to lyf thurgh his risyng.

C. ¶ *Tertius est* vera Christi passio, qui, ut genus humanum ab æterna morte, cui fuit obnoxium, redimeret, gratis sustinuit asperissimam mortem crucis.

¶ *Quartus est* descensio Christi ad inferos in anima, quiescente
60 corpore in sepulcro, ut inde suos eriperet quos redemit.

¶ *Quintus est* vera Christi resurrectio qui tertia die post passionem suam, solutis inferni doloribus, a mortuis resurrexit.

I. was sothfastly born of þe mayden Marie.
 god getyn of his fadyr be-fore eny tyme
 445 and man born of his modyr: *and browȝt forþ in*
tyme.

The pryde artyeule. þat we schul trow ys crystys **·3·**
passioun

þat he suffryd bodyly for synful man-kende.
 and how he was betrayd *with* his owyn dysepyle.
and takyn with þe iewys.

betyñ *with* scorgys: þat no skyn held hool.
 450 *and* naylyd hym to a cros. *and* crownyd hym *with*
thornys.

and many *oper* harde paynys he suffryd. and deyde
 at þe laste./

The ferþe artyeule ys. þat whan he was ded **·4·**
and hys body takyn doun. *and* woundyn *and*
 leyde on a tounge

ȝit whilys hys body lay on þe graue:
 455 þe gost *with* þe godhed: went in-to helle.
and harwyd hyt. *and* tok owt þo þat were þerynne
 as Adam *and* Eue. *and* *oper* former fadrys
 þe whiche thorwȝ original synne were in þat place.
 and þat he: thorw his forlok wold were sauȝd.//

460 The .v. poynt ys. þat on þe thyrd day **·5·**
 aftyr þat he deyde: he ros fro deþ to lyue:
 sothfast god *and* man in body *and* in sowle.
 For as he deyde in seknesse of our manhed:
 so he roos thorwe strengthe of þe godhed.

465 And destroyd oure deþ: thorwȝ hys dyyngē.
and qwyknyd vs vn-to lyf: thorowȝ hys rysyngē./

P. Tertius est, Vera Christi passio, et mors in cruce sub Pilati tyrannide.

52 Quartus est, Descensio Dei ad inferos in anima, quiescente corpore in sepulchro, ad spoliationem Tartari.

Quintus est, Vera Dei resurrectio.

6. Ascended into heaven, where He in our nature is not only "equal unto the angels," but crowned with honour above all angels, that for a while was made lower than angels.

7. He shall so come in like manner to judge the quick and the dead according to their works.

- T.** ¶ **The sext poynt** is, that we sal trowe,
 That the fourtied day aftir that he ras
 Thurgh strenth of him-self he stegh in-till heuen,
 Where our kynd is now in his blissed person,
 155 Noght anely euen no mete to his angels,
 Bot hegher crowned kyng aboue all angels,
 That before-tyme was lesse than kynd of angels.
 ¶ **The seuend poynt** is, that right als he died,
 And aftirward ras *and* stegh in-till heuen,
 160 Right swa sal he cum upon the last day.
 Bathe forto deme the quick and the dede;
 Whare all the folk that euer was, or is, or sall be,
 Sal sothefastly be shewed *and* sene befor him,

And ilkman answer of his owen dedis

- 165 And be dampned or saued whethir-sum he de-
serves,
 For als his rightwisenesse is now menged with
mercy,
 So sal it than be withouten merci.
 ¶ **THE SECOND THYNG OF THE SEX TO KNAWE** god
 almightyen
 Is the ten comandementz, that he has gyuen us,

The Ten Com-
mandments.

The first table our
duty to God.

The second table
our duty to our
neighbour.

- 170 Of the whilk ten, the thre that er first
 Augh us haly to hald onentes our god,
 and the seuen that er aftir, onentes our euen
cristen.

C. ¶ **Sextus est** vera Christi ascensio ad cœlos, qui quadragesimo die post resurrectionem suam ascendit in cœlum.

65 ¶ **Septimus est** adventus Christi ad iudicium certissima expectatio, et tunc, qui bona egerunt, ibunt in vitam æternam; qui vero mala, in ignem æternam.

¶ **SECUNDO DECEM SUNT MANDATA A CUNCTIS FIDELIBUS INVIO-**
BILITER OBSERVANDA, quorum tria ordinantur ad Deum, septem vero
 70 ad proximum.

- L.** The syxte poynt ys. we schul trow ·6·
þat þe .xl. day after þat he roos.
*thorwȝ strengthe of hym-self: * he steȝ in-to heuȝn.* [fol. 6 b]
- 470 *wher oure kende ys now in his blysfyl person*
not only euȝn and mete to his angelys:
But hyȝ crowȝyd kyng a-bouȝn alle angelys.
þat be-for-tyme was lasse þan þe kende of angelys.
The vij. poynt ys and þe laste: þat ryȝt as he dyȝd
- 475 *and afterward roos. and steȝ in-to heuȝn.*
ryȝt so schal he come doun vp-on þe laste day.
Bothe for to deme þe qwyk and þe dede
For alle folk þat euer was. or ys. or schal be:
schal sykyrly be schewyd. and seȝn be-fore hys face.
- 480 *þat day.*
And ylke man answerȝ for his owne dedys.
and be dampȝyd or sauȝd. wheȝer-so þey haue
seruȝd.
For as his ryȝtwysnesse ys now mengȝd with
mercy:
so schal yt þan be. withowtȝn mercy.//
- 485 **P**e secunde thyȝge of þe syx to know god
 almyȝty
 ys þe ten commaundementys. þat he has
 geuȝn to vs.
 of þe whiche þe thre þat arȝn furst. we owe to
 oure god./
 and þe seuȝn oȝer afterward we owe to oure euȝn
 cristyȝne.

P. Sextus est, Vera ipsius ad cœlos ascensio.

56 Septimus est, ipsius venturi ad iudicium certissima expectatio.

Item decem Mandata veteris testamenti, quorum tria ordinantur
 ad Deum, quæ dicuntur mandata primæ tabulæ: Septem verò ad
 59 proximum, quæ dicuntur secundæ tabulæ mandata.

Thou shalt have
none other gods.

T. ¶ The first commandement charges us *and* techis
174 That we leue ne loute nane fals goddes,

C. ¶ Primum mandatum est, Non adorabis Deos alienos; in
64 quo prohibentur principaliter omnis idolatria,

Primum mandatum /

L. Thou schalt haue o god *and* no mo./
 490 Ouyr al thyng^e loue hym al-so./ } **Non adorabis**
 And þy neghebo^{re} bothe frend *and* fo./ } **deos alienos.**

Thys ys þe fyrste of godys comaundementys./ Those that live in sin worship false gods,
 þou schalt not worschype fals goddys. Alle
 þo þat leue in gret synne as pryde. Couetyse./
 495 Gloteny./ *and* such mo. worschepyn fals godys.
 For god seys be **Job** þat þe fynd ys prince of alle **Job. 41.**
 þe childryn of pride./ And **Iesu crist** says in þe **St. John 12.**
 gospel. þat þe fend ys prince of þe world þat ys of **31.**
 fals men. þat loue more þe pride and þe falshede
 500 of þis world: þan þe trewþe of goddys lawe herfore **eph. 5. 1.**
 seyþ seynt **Poul.** þat Couetyse ys worschepyn^g of
 fals goddys. And so glotonys make þeyr bely here **phit. 3.**
 god. To þys ende seynt **Austyn** *and* seynt **Ierom.**
 wytnessyn þat what-euer a man bowys most to.
 505 þat thyng he makys hys god. Therfore prude men and so of what-ever men are most inclined to.
 worschepyn pride. *and* so þe fynd for here fals
 god. and so of alle oþer synnys.

¶ The two cherubynys þat schadewyd in The oherubims that over-shadowed the mercy-seat were not for the worship of the Israel-ites;
 archa dei. **exo / 25. cº** / were not set þer to be wor-
 510 schypyd: But for to meue þe chyldryn of israel
 to haue mende of god in heuyn. *and* pray to hym
 þat he *wolde sende down his Angeſt to teche [fol. 7]
 hem wyt *and* wysdam þat ys be-toknyd be che-
 rubyn. And also to meue hem to pray to god.
 515 þat he wold send to hem. angelys fro heuyn to
 fyzte azenst here enmys: whan þey were hard be-
 stad. *and* so he dyde ofte as holy wryt wytnessyþ.
4 reg^m. 19 cº. / ysay^e 37 cº. The [*n*]eddyr of bras nor the brazen serpent.
 was set in þe oste: for two skyllys. þe ton was þat
 520 whan þe childryn of israel lokyd þer on: þei

P. In *primo* prohibetur omnis idololatria, cum dicitur, *Non habebis Deos alienos coram Me*: in quo prohibentur implicate

And herein are
forbidden idol-
atries, enchant-
ments, and all
evil arts.

- T.** And in this commandement is forboden us
Alkyns mysbileues, and al mawmetries,
Al fals enchaunmentez, *and* al sorceries,
All fals charmes, and all witchecraftes ;
All fals coniurisons, *and* al wicked craftes,
180 That men of mysbyleue traistes opon,
Or hopes ony help in, withouten god almighten.

C. sortilegia ; et secundario omnes incantationes et carminationes cum
73 suis characteribus et figmentis.

L. schuld haue mynde of godis godnesse. *and* panke hym *þat* he wold hele hem of *þe* styngyng of *þe* [n]eddrys. An *oper* skylle was. whan *þe* pepyl lokyd on *þe* [n]eddyr of bras: þey schuld be war: *and* kepe
 525 hem-self *þat* þey brak no more godys comaundementis lest *þat* *þe* same vengauunce come azen.

¶ For to kepe *þis* comaundement yt ys nedful *þat* þou beleve sadly: *þat* *þer* ys but O god in trinite. fadyr *and* sone *and* holy gost. thre personys *and*

What is needed is a firm belief in One God in Trinity,

530 o god. This god is most myȝty þyng *þat* may be. The most wytty. and most ryȝtful: *and* most ful of goodnesse. mercy: *and* charite *þerfore* þou most drede hym. & hys offence be-fore al *oper* thyngys For he knowyþ al þyng preuy *and* apert

and a fear of offending Him.

535 And most nedys punysche al maner synne in *þis* world or in purgatory. or in heȝt And no creature may be a-gayn his iuste punyschyng. *and* for hys endles godnesse. þou most loue hym with al þyn herte. and seke his worschipe. *and* plese hym be

540 fore alle *oper* thyngys If þou do *þis* wel: þou most stody to kepe his comaundementys *and* his lawe be-fore alle *oper* preceptys *and* lawes maad of men for ellys þou louyst not hys lawe be-fore *oper.* / *and* so not hym-self be-fore al *oper* thyngys

God's law to be obeyed rather than man's.

545 Also þou most forsake al maner wycchecraftys. *and* coniuryng of fendys. *and* *þat* þou seke nat trewthe of dede spiritys. but only of god. *and* his lawe as he comaundys hym-self in his lawe

Who brekys *þe* fyrste maundement: Prowde
 550 men. wordly men. *and* fleschly men. Why prowde men. For þey make *þe* deuyl here god. Why wordly men. for þey make worldly godys here god. and why fleschly Men for þey make here bely here god.

Breakers of this commandment.

P. omnia sortilegia, et omnes incantationes cum superstitionibus characterum, et hujusmodi figmentorum.

The second (third)
commandment.
Thou shalt not
take the name of
God in vain.

T. ¶ **THE SECUND COMMANDEMENT** biddes us noght take
In ydelship, ne in vayne the name of our god,
So that we trow noght in his name, bot that is
stedefast;

185 That we swere noght be his name but behouely;
And that we neuen noght his name but worship-
fully.

C. ¶ **Secundum est, Non assumes in vanum nomen Dei tui,**
in quo prohibetur principaliter omnis hæresis, et secundario omnis
77 blasphemia et irreverens nominatio Dei nostri.

Secundum Mandatum

[fol. 7 b]

L. In ydyl godys name tak þou nogth } **Non assumes nomen**
 556 I swere be no þyng þat god hap wrought. } **dei tui in vanum.**

The secunde comaundement ys þis. Thou schalt Sin after baptism
 not take þe name of þy lord þy god in vayn. is breaking this
 Here alle men or wymmen þat turne to grete commandment,
 560 synnes after here cristyndom. in þat þey taken þe for we then re-
 name of god in vayn. For at here cristyndom þey nounce the devil
 forsake þe fynd and alle his pompis. hys pride. and all his works.
 and alle hys werkys of synne and of falsnesse. and
 bynde hem wyl-fully to goddys hestys. þan 3if þey
 565 turne aȝen to þese synnys yt ys in vayn þat þey
 take goddys name vp-on hem. But yf þey amende
 hem wylfully in þis lyf. For ellys þey schal haue
 more payne withowte ende. as seynt **Petry** seȝþ **.2^a. pe. 2^o.**

Also whan men seye godys seruyse in gret hate And so of saying
 570 and envye with owte deuocioun and reuerence: our prayers when
 þey take godys name in vayn. for þey aske here out of charity.

þey take godys name in vayn. for þey aske here
 owne dampnacioun in seying of þe **Pater noster**.
 Also prestys þat sey masse and oþer seruyse of þe Priests in mortal
 chirche in dedly synne not for reuerence and sin saying mass
 575 deuocioun of god: but for couetyse and veyn or other public
 glorie takyn þe name of god in veyn. For þey service for the
 resseyue þe sacrament to here dampnacioun. as sake of gain or
 [1 Cor., xi, 29.]
 Seynt **Poul** seys **.cor. ii.**

¶ Also in vayn sweryng and nedles. fals men
 580 take þe name of god in vayn.

¶ Also men in gret statys. be þey spiritual be Men in high office
 þey temperal. þat gouerne not þese statys after þe in Church or
 lawe of god in destroyenge of synne and wrongys. State,
 and mayntenynge of ryȝtwysnesse and good lyf of who do not rule
 585 þe pepyl. taken þe name of god in vayn. For in according to the
 as moche. as þey take þese offycys or statys./ in þat word of God,
 take His name in
 vain; for by
 taking these
 offices they

P. In secundo, cum dicitur, *Non assumes nomen Dei in vanum:*
 66 *prohibetur principaliter hæresis universa, et secundario, omnis*
blasphemia, irreverens Dei nominatio, præcipue in perjurio.

Keep holy Sunday
and other holy
days of the
Church;

T. ¶ The third is, that we sal hald and halowe our
haliday,

188 The Sononday, *and* all othir that falles to the yhere,
That er ordayned to halowe thurgh halikirk,

C. ¶ **Tertium est, Sabbata sanctifices** in quo præcipitur tam
clericis quam laicis, omissis operibus servilibus, vacare divino cultui
81 diebus dominicis et festivis.

L. þey be þe mynystris of god. to do ryȝtwisnesse and
bere down wronges *and synne. and to be myrour.*
and ensampyl of holynesse and ryȝtwysnesse to

become ministers
of God.

590 alle men vndyr hem

þerfore be war þat neuer þou swere fals. ne
ydyl. ne be ony creature. but only be god in tyme
of nede: for to schewe nedful trewþe *and profyt-*
able to þe and to oþer men. For god commandys

Swear only in the
cause of truth and
charity.

595 þat oure word be: ȝe ȝe. nay nay. þat þe herte *and*
þe mowþ acorde togydyre. And whan we speke
of þe name of god or Iesu: þat hit be don: *with*
drede reuerence and loue.

¶ Who brekys þe secunde comaundement. veyn

[fol. 8]

600 spekeris. ydyl swererys. and fals werkerys./ why
veyne spekers. For here wordys be not medful.
why ydyl swerys. For here opys be not nedful.
why wikkyd werkerys. For here werkys. Be not
spedful./

Breakers of the
commandment.

605 **K**epe þy halyday in clene lyf. } **Sabbata sanctifices.**
with alle þy meyne. and þy wyf.

The thyrd heste is þis. Be-thynk þe to kepe .3^m. **man-**
þy halyday. Fyrst haue mende how god **datum.**

made heuyn *and erthe and alle creaturys of noȝt*
nat for his nede: but only for his goodnesse. and
610 made angelys *and men to be resonable. and to*
vndirstonde þe godnesse of god and to be partyners
of þe blysse of heuyn./

How to keep holy
day: by calling to
mind God's good-
ness in the
creation;

¶ Whan man was mad in þis degre of nobley

P. In *tertio*, cum dicitur, *Memento ut sabbata sanctifices*; præcipitur cultus religionis Christianæ, ad quem indifferenter clerici et laici tenentur. Ubi etiam sciendum est, quod obligatio ad feriandum in
70 sabbato legali, secundum formam veteris testamenti, expiravit omnino cum cæteris in lege cæremoniis: et successit in novo testamento modus vacandi cultui Divino diebus Dominicis, et cæteris diebus solennibus ad hoc auctoritate Ecclesiæ deputatis. Quibus diebus vacandi modus non est sumendus a substitutione Judaica,
75 sed a canonicis institutis.

and, whether
clerk or layman,
hear or say divine
service in honour
of God and His
saints,

T. In whilk daies all folk lered and lawed
191 Awe to gyf tham godely to goddes *seruice*
To here it *and* say it aftir thair state is
In worship of god almighten *and* of his gode
halowes,

L. *and* worthynesse he brak goddys comaundement
 615 *in* paradys. *and* was boundyn to bodyly deth. *and*
 peyne of helle Tyl iesu crist: made rannsoun with
 his herte blod on þe cros./ þerfore haue mynde of
 þis charite of crist *and* peynful deth./

the love of Christ
 and His dying for
 fallen man;

¶ Also haue mynde: how ofte þou hast brokyn
 620 godys hestys. sytthe þou haddyst dyscrecioun of
 good *and* euyl. *and* of þis amende þe be verry con-
 tricion schryft *and* satisfaccion. And if þou hast
 don ony good dede wele: þank god þerof. for his
 grace hit was. *and* not þou þy-self./ *and* pray hym
 625 3eue þe grace to laste *and* ende trewly in hys
 seruyse.

and thy sins, and
 be contrite, and
 confess thee, and
 makesatisfaction;

and thank God
 for good works,
 done by His grace,
 and not thine own
 strength.

¶ þann here þou goddys seruyse with reuerence
and deuocioun. and seye deuowtly þy pater noster.
and þy beleue *and* þyn Aue maria./ *and* oper
 630 deuowt prayeris yf þou can And here godys lawe
 taw3t in þy modyr tonge. For þat is bettyr to
 þe: þan to here many massys. Aftyrward ete *and*
 drynk in mesure./ *and* þank god of his 3yfte.

Hear matins and
 mass, and say the
 Lord's Prayer,
 Hail-Mary, and
 Creed.

¶ Aftyr noon gyf þe not to nyse vanytes
 635 *and* pley. but loke wher þy ney3ebours ben at
 debat: *and* acord hem be meknesse *and* charite
 3if þu may. For it is bettyr þan to bylde many
 chirches.

Hear an English
 sermon rather
 than many
 masses, and eat
 and drink in
 moderation with
 thanksgiving.
 Afterwards make
 peace between
 neighbours, and
 that is better than
 building churches.

¶ þan visyte þy ney3eboris þat arn bedreden.
 640 blynde *and* crokyd. *and* in oper dysesys. *and* com-
 fort fyrst here sowlys þat þey falle not in despayre
 ne grucchyngge a-gayn þeyre godys visitacioun.
 For yf þey *do: þey shal haue more peyne in
 þis world. *and* in helle euer./ *and* 3if þey take þis
 645 lytyl peyne paciently: þey schul haue remyscioun
 of here synnes befor don in þe blysse of heuyn
 with-owten ende.

Then comfort the
 sick and dis-
 tressed with
 spiritual consol-
 ation,

[fol. 86]

¶ þan 3eue hem of þy catelle to susteyne here
 lyf as þow woldyst: þat þey schulde helpe þe yf

and thy worldly
 goods, as thou
 wouldest be done

without clinging
to the world, or
living in the lusts
of the flesh.

T. Noght than for to tent to tary with the world,
195 Ne lyue in lykyng ne lust that the flesh yernes,
Bot gladly to *serue* god in clenness of life.

Honour thy father
and mother,

¶ **The ferthe** biddes (*)us to do worship to fadir
and to modir,
198 Noght only to fleshli fadir *and* modir
That getes *and* fosters us forthe in this world,

C. ¶ **Quantum** mandatum est, **Honorare** patrem et matrem,
in quo mandato intelliguntur pater et mater non solum carnales, sed
etiam spirituales, videlicet prælati et alii curati qui sunt patres
spirituales fidelium; mater vero ecclesia catholica, cujus sunt filii
85 universi Christiani;

L. þou were in þe same myschef and þey in bonchef by in the like evil case.
 651 as þou art now./

¶ But men dredys sore þat on þe haly day Dreadful to do the works of the devil on holy days.
 whan schulde most worschype god þan þey dispyse
 hym most be hauntynge of pryde *and alle oþer*
 655 synnes *and make that* þe deuelys worke-day.
 worsse þan eny oþer day in þe weke.

¶ Who brekys þe thyrd maundement. Men Breakers of this commandment.
 þat thenk not on god hertly. And men þat pray
 not to god devoutly. And men þat do not werkys
 660 of mercy wysly. Whi men þat thenk not on god
 hertly. For þey occupy here hertys in vanites.
 Why men þat pray not to god devoutly. For þey
 worschipe hym *with* here lypis; *and* not *with*
 here hertys. Whi men þat do not þe werkys of
 665 mercy wysly. For þey don here almes more to
 þe nedles; þan to þe verry nedy.

¶ *Quartum. Mandatum.*

Fadyr and modyr worschipe both.// } *Honora. }*
with counseyl confort. and mete and cloþ.// } *Parentes. }*

The ferthe comaundement is þis. worschipe þy
 670 fadyr *and* modyr. Holy wryt spekys of þre
 fadyrs. The fyrst ys god þat made vs alle of nozt. *.1^{us}. pater*
 and holy chirche ys owre modyr. And we owe to
 drede þis fadyr *and* his offense before alle oþer
 thyngys. *and* loue hym. *and* seke hys honour *and*
 675 do his wyll be-fore al oþer thyngys. For god says
 be þe prophete þe sone schal honour þe fadyr.
and þe seruauant schal drede hys lord. þerfore 3if

P. *Primum secundæ tabulæ est, Patrem et matrem explicite, principaliter, et specialiter honorare: implicite autem, et secundario, omnis homo pro sui gradus merito ex eodem mandato intelligitur honorandus. In hoc autem mandato non solum intelligitur pater et*
 80 *mater carnaliter, verum etiam spiritualiter: ut pater sit prælatus Ecclesiæ mediatus vel immediatus; mater autem Ecclesia, cujus filii sunt filii Catholici universi.*

T. [fleshli fadir *and* modir
That getes *and* fosters us forthe in this world,]

and thy spiritual
father, and holy
mother Church ;

200 Bot til our gastly fadirs that has hede of us,
And techis us how to lif til hele of our saules.
And til our gastly modir, that is halikirke
To be buxom thar-to, *and* saue the right of it,
For it is modir til all that *cristenly* lyfes,

and order thyself
reverently to thy
betters.

205 And alswa til ilk man that worshipfull is,
for to do worship aftir that it is.

L. y am *your* fadyr: where is myn honour. *and* loue.
 3yf y be *your* lord: where is my drede.

680 ¶ the secundu fadyr is þy gostly fadyr. þat haþ .2^{us}. pater
 cure of þy sowle. and þou schalt loue hym hertely. Follow his teach-
and do hym reuerence in word *and* dede and do ing in so far as
 after the law of
 God,
 aftyr his techynge in þat: þat he techys þe godys and pay thy tithes
 and support him
 in the discharge
 of his office.
 lawe And pay hym tyþys *and* offryngys dewe.

685 wilfully. redyly. and trewly. *and* styre hym and
 confort hym to do hys offys *trewly in sad [fol. 9]
 techynge of holy wryt. *and* opyn ensampyl of
 holy lyf. For yf he do nat his offys wel: he is a

þowsand-fold more cursyd þan suggettys wyþ- If he fail, his
 fault is worse
 than that of not
 paying tithe to
 deserving priests.
 690 drawyng here tythis. 3e: whan curatys don wel
 here offys./

¶ The thyrd fadyr *and* modyr ar þy bodily .3^{us}. pater.
 fadyr *and* modyr þat browȝt þe forþ in-to þis world
 and þou schalt drede hem *and* reuerence hem. in Honour thy bodily
 parents,
 and aid them with
 thy means.
 695 wil word *and* dede./ and in here nede help hem
 with þy catel. *and* þy trauayle. *and* spende þy
 flesh. *and* þy blood: for here sustinaunse. as þey
 dyde for þe whan þou myȝtyst noȝt. And 3if þou
 do þis wel. þou schalt haue goddys blessing. *and*
 700 all hys angelys. *and* of alle good men *and* wymmen
 in erthe. And if þou do nat þis worschype: þou
 schalt haue godys curs: *and* alle hys seyntyty. *and*
 of alle good men *and* wymmen in erthe.

¶ And alwey haue mende on þe sorwe *and* þe Forget not thy
 mother that bore
 thee, as thy hope
 is for God's bless-
 ing.
 705 trauayle þat þy modyr had with þe in beryng. *and*
 norschyng for þe. and þerfore. loue here *and* do
 here reuerence in al þy lyf vp-on godys blessinge.

¶ Who brekys þe fourþe comaundement. vn- Breakers of this
 commandment.
 kende men. Froward men. *and* rebel men./ Why
 710 vnkende men. for þey helpe not. here eldrys as þey
 schuld do./ Why froward men. For þey wil take
 no gostly techynge. Why rebel men. For þey ben
 vnbuxum to cryst *and* his chyrche./

Thou shalt do no
murder, of body,
or reputation ;

- T.** ¶ **The fifth** biddes us that we sla naman,
That is at say, bodili ne gastly nouthir,
For als mony we sla, in that at we mai,
210 Als we sklaundir or bacbite or falsly defames,
Or fandes for to confound tham that noght *serues*,
Or withdrawes lyuelade fra tham that nede haues,
If we be of haueing for to help tham.

nor withhold
the necessities of
life, if thou hast
wherewithal.

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- C.** ¶ **Quintus est, Non occides**, in quo prohibetur nedum hominum
occisio, sed etiam vis injusta, proximi læsio tam spiritualis, quam
91 corporalis. Spiritualiter enim occidunt, qui proximis detrahunt, et
indigentibus denegant alimenta, et qui per malitiam opprimunt
innocentes.

L. *S*le noman *with* wykkyd wyl:
In word ne dede. lowde ne styl: } **Non Occides**

715 *p*e fyfte comaundement ys þis. þou schalt not **Quintum**
sle. vndirstonde þou wrongwysly noþer man **Mandatum**
ne womman ne child: neþer cristyn ne
heþyn. ne be fals hate. of herte. ne euyl sterynge.
ne counseylynge þerto ne doynge of dede: ne

Extends to heathens, and the inciting of others.

720 mayntenynge of oþer mysdoers þerto. But loue
yche man parfytly in charite as þy self.

¶ Also þou schalt not sle þyn owne sowle be
consent to dedly synne. ne oþer menys be opyn
sklaundyr. and mayntenynge in synne. For who-

Self-murder of the soul by mortal sin.

725 so-euyr doys þus: ys cursyd of god: and alle his
seyntyngs.

¶ Also froward prelatys and curatys. sle
*mennys sowlys and bodyes be wythdrawynge
of godys word. and ensample of holy lyf. For þey

[fol. 9 b]

Spiritual murder by neglect of life and doctrine.

730 may not lyve gostly in fayþ and oþer vertuys: but
be heryng and kepyng of godys word And þey
ar bounde vp-on payne of dampnacioun to teche
þus godys word þat ys fode of mannys sowle.

¶ Also bakhyters and sowers of fals lesynggys
735 þat bryngge men at debat. and owt of charite
arn wykkyd men-sleers. For þey sle boþe bodys
and sowlys som tym many thowsandys.

Backbiting and lying, strife-stirring.

¶ Also wikkyd extorsioneris and fals oppressoris
of pore men sle þeyr bodys wrongfully and her

Extortion that makes poor men blaspheme.

740 sowlys be gruechyngge and vnpaciens and blasphem-
ynge of god whan þey take away falsly þeire godis
be þe whiche here bodely lyf schuld be susteynyd.

¶ Also gret lordys and prelatys þat schulde
withstonde þe opun mysdoers. and do nat. but

Rulers in State and Church

P. *Secundum est, Non occides. In quo explicite inhibetur illicita personæ interemptio, commissæ verbo, opere, vel favore: implicite vero personæ injusta læsio inhibetur. Spiritualiter autem occidunt, qui detrahunt, vel qui innocentes opprimunt vel offendunt.*

Thou shalt not
commit adultery,
with kin or
stranger, single
or married.

T. ¶ **The sext** commandement forbedes us to syn
215 Or forto foly fleshli with any woman
Outhir sib or fremned, wedded, or unwedded,
Or any fleshly knawyng or deid haf with any,
othir than the sacrement of matermoyne escuse,
And the lawe *and* the lare of halikirke teches.

C. ¶ **Sextum est, Non mœchaberis,** in quo prohibetur incestus
et omnis fornicatio, [*et omnis commixtio viri et mulieris*] quam sacra-
95 mentum matrimonii non excusat.

L. *raþer* meyntenys hem *þer-yn* ar cursyd mensleers upholding actual offenders.
for *þey* fauor *and* mayntene al *þis*. seþyn *þey* be
bowndyn to amend al *þis*. and may lyztly do hit
and do hyt not.

¶ Who brekys *þe* fyfte maundement. *Envyous* Breakers of this commandment.
750 men. wrapful men. and auerous men./ Why envious
men. For *þey* haten here breþeryn. Why wrapful
men. For *þey* bakbytyn here breþeryn. and why
auerous men. For *þey* help not here euyñ crystyn.

Synne *þou* not in leccherye } Adultery,
755 Consent *þou* not to þat folý }

þe sexte comandement ys *þis*. Thou schalt
not do leccherye *noþer* in consent in hert ne inward or out-
spekyng ne in countenance *withowte-forþ*. ward, by act or
ne doying in dede. excusynge *and* iustifyynge and consent,
760 mayntenynge of *oþer* men *þeryn*. *Noþer* in doyinge of single or mar-
of symple Fornicioun be-twyx sengyl man: and ried,
sengyl womman. *Noþer* in avowtry. ne in brek- or vowed to
ynge of chastyte. þat ys *þe* moste synne of alle chastity.
oþer. And 3yt *þe* lest of alle *þre* ys dampnable.
765 who-euer do yt *with-owtyn* ful repentaunce. as
seynt Powl says.

¶ Also froward ordynaries. *and* confessouris Accursed sin
þat norschyn men in *þis* synne for annvel rent. of spiritual judges
oþer worldly wynnyng. *and* bodyly welfare. and shrift-fathers
770 bre*kyn cursydly *þis* heste. For *þey* sellyn [fol. 10]
sowlýs to satanas for a lytyl worldly dryt. *and* in condoning
3eue hem leue to roty forþ in *þis* cursyd leccherye incontinence for
fro 3ere to 3ere. as longe as *þey* wyl pay mekyl. fixed money pay-
Or help to bere hem vp in extorsiouns ments or their
personal interest.

P. *Tertium est, Non mæchaberis.* In quo explicite inhibetur adul-
terium, et implicate fornicatio, quæ explicite prohibetur in *Deutero.*,
xiii. ubi dicitur, *Non erit meretrix de filiabus Israel, nec scortator de*
790 *filiis Israel.* Inhibetur etiam in eodem mandato omnis commixtio
viri et mulieris, quam bona matrimonii non excusent. Omnis
etiam voluntaria pollutio prohibetur, quocunque modo studiose vel
voluntarie procurata.

Thou shalt not
steal.

T. ¶ The seuent comandement biddes us noght stele ;
221 In whilk is forboden robbyng *and* reuyng,
All wrangwise takyng or withhaldyng,
Or hiding or helyng of othir men godes
Ogayne thaire wit, and thaire will that has right
to tham.

C. ¶ Septimum est, Non facies furtum, in quo prohibetur omnis
illicita contractio et detentio rerum alienarum contra voluntatem
98 dominorum vel custodum earundem.

L. ¶ To kepe þe fro lechery haue mynde how
foul þy body schal be: whan *that* schal be wormys
mete. and how gret peynys of helle. þou schalt
suffre. but yf þou amende þe. Therefore fle ydyl-
nesse and occasions to þis synne. and Maystyr þy
780 flesch be traually wakyng and prayeris./

Avoid occasions
of this sin, and
keep under thy
body.

¶ Who brekys þe sexte comaundement Fornycatouris. Auowtereris. and holours./ why fornicatours for þey defoulyn here bodyes in lecherie whylys þey ben sengyl. why avowtereris: For þey
785 brekyn þe sacrament of wedlok./ and why holours: For þey wastyn here bodyes in lechery.

Breakers of this
commandment.

Stele þou not þy neyȝbors þyng
with byinge sellyng ne wrong-getyng }

Theft,

790 **TH**e seyunt commaundement ys þis. Thow
schalt do no þeste. þat ys mys-vsyinge
of þyngys aȝen þe lordys wyl or apre-
uyng./ Than seþyn alle creaturis ar goodys. who
euer mys-dispendys myȝtys of sowle or body or ony
oper goodis agaynst godys law: ys a strong thef
and spiritually
from God.
795 be godis ryȝtful dom. what-euer þe word flaterys./

¶ Also alle þat vsyn to dysseyue her neyȝbors
be fals mesurys. fals weyȝtys and deceytis and fals
opes: arn strong þefys and bakbyters be godys
lawe and mannys./ and ar holdyn to make resty-
800 tucioun aftir here power and leue of boþe of þese
synnys and of oper./

By false measures
and false oaths.

¶ Also al þo þat wast here godis in glotony
drunkenesse. pride. and lecherie. and in oper
vanytes: be parlows theuys. for þey stole fro pore
805 men here sustynaunse./ For þe resydue of þese
godys ouer here owne nede: ys pore mennys lyf-

By wasting our
goods,

to the wronging
of the poor.

P. *Quantum est, Non furtum facies.* In quo explicite prohibetur clandestina detractio rei alienæ invito domino: implicite vero
96 omnis injuriosa, seu per fraudem, seu per usuram, seu per violentiam, seu per metum, rei usurpatio alienæ.

Thou shalt not
bear false witness
against thy
neighbour.

T. ¶ The aughtand biddes us we sall bere
No fals wittenes ogayne our euen-cristen ;
In whilk is forboden al maner of lesyng,
Fals conspiracie, *and* forsweryng.
Whare-thurgh our euen-cristen mai lese thair catell,
230 Faith, favour, or fame, or any thing elles,
Whethir it be in gasteli or bodili godes.

C. ¶ Octavum est, Non loqueris falsum testimonium contra
proximum tuum, in quo prohibetur omne mendacium et per-
101 jurium, maxime quod aliis est damnosum.


L. lode./ and he þat defrawdys þat good : is a thef
and a man-qweller as þe wys man seys./

¶ Also al þo. þat drawe riche mennys almes. Withdrawing alms from the poor on the pretext of holy uses.
810 fro pore bedrede men and pore febyl and crokyd
and blynde vndyr colour of holynesse to hem þat
haue no nede þer-to : arn strong theuys. and *man- [fol. 10 b]
qwellers. for þey take þe godys agayn godys lawe.

be whyche : pore men schuld be norischid. and so
815 þey ar thefys agayn ryche men and pore, and robbe
men of feyth and good beleue.

¶ Also lordys and maystrys þat wypholdyn Lords and masters witholding servants' wages.
here seruauant hyre whan þey haue trewly do here
seruyse : ar strong þefys be goddis lawe./

820 ¶ Also seruauuntys þat falsly do here maystir Servants taking their masters' wages, and not doing work truly. All that falsely do their office.
werke and take fully here hyre arn thefys be godis
dom. Also alle þat do falsly here offyce spiritual
or temperal. and takyn here fulle profyt þerfore :
ar thefys be godis dom.

825 Who brekys þe seuynt comaundement. Me-  Breakers of this commandment.
chers. Robbers. and extorcioners. Why mechers.
for þey stelyn priuily. Whi robbers. for þey robbyn
opynly. whi extorcioners. for þey spoylyn men of
here good falsly.

830 **F**als wytnesse þow noon beere } False witness for love or hate, fear or favour, is renouncing God and going over to the devil ;
þy neyȝbore wyttyngly to dere }
[T] he eyȝten comaundement is þis. þou schalt
not speke fals wytnesse ageyns þy neyȝbore.

And he þat for-swerys hym for hate. or for loue.

835 drede or wynnynge : for-sakys god almyȝty and be-
takys hym to þe fend body and sowle. and to peyne
with-owt ende Namely al þo. þat constreyne men
to for-swere hem be here gret lordschip and power.
and gretly rewardys hem þerfore. and specially of those who force men to this sin.

P. *Quintum mandatum est, Non loqueris contra proximum tuum falsum testimonium.* In quo explicite prohibetur falsa testificatio
100 ad indignum contra merita promovendum. In hoc etiam mandato omne mendacium, sed perniciosum præcipue, condemnatur.

Thou shalt not
coveit thy neigh-
bour's house or
land,

T. ¶ The neynd is, that we noght yerne our neghtebur
house ;

In whilk is forboden all urangwise couatise
Of land, or of lithe, or of ought elles,

235 That mai noght be lifted ne raised fro the ground,
Als thing that is stedefast, *and* mai not be stirred.

nor his wife,
maid or servant,
ox or ass, or any
of his *bona*
mobilia,

¶ The *tend* *and* the last is, that we yerne noght
The wife of *our* neghtebur, ne of our euen-cristen,
Ne his maiden, ne his knaue, his ox nor his asse :

240 In whilk is forboden us to yerne or to take
Ony thing that may be stirred of othir men godes,

C. ¶ Nonum est, Non concupisces domum proximi tui, in
quo prohibetur cupiditas cujuscunque rei immobilis proximi tui.

¶ Decimum est, Non desiderabis uxorem ejus nec servum
nec ancillam, non bovem, non asinum, nec omnia quæ ipsius
105 sunt, in quo omnis cupiditas rerum alienarum mobilium con-
demnatur.

L. ¶ Also al þo þat lyes on crist. seyyng þat he was wordly lord. as clerkys ar now[.] breke fowle þis heste. For crist hym-self seþ. þat his kyngdom ys not of þis world. and of his kyngdom schal neuer be ende Also alle þat sey. þat cryst beggyd

It is a gross breach of this commandment to assert that our Lord exercised secular lordship, like the clergy;

845 of men. as sum religious dos now! bere fals wytnesse agayn crist oure best ney3bore. For he goddis owne commaundement. among his pepyl schuld no begger be./ and 3yt crist nedyd not to begge þus.

or that he begged, like the mendicant orders;

850 ¶ Also alle þo þat seþe þat newe religious foundyd of seyntis ys better þan glene religious of priesthod þat crist made hym-self arn fals witnesse. and blasfemys god.

or to exalt the regular orders, monks or friars, founded by saints, above clean livers in the priesthood, instituted by Christ himself. Breakers of this commandment.

Who brekys þe ey3ten maundement. lyers gloseris. and fals qwestmongeris. Whi lyeris. for þe[y] hatyn þe trewþe. why gloseris. For þey hydyn þe trewthe And why fals qwestmongeris. For þey sellyn þe trewthe./

860 **T**hy ney3bours wif coueyte þou no3t! }
with here to synne in dede ne þo3t. }

[fol. 11]

Thy ney3boris hows. wenche ne knaue }
Coueyte hem no3t. ne his goodys to haue }

865 **T**^[h]e nynthe comaundement and þe tenthe ar these. Thow schalt not coueyte þy ney3borys wyf. ne his hows ne his seruaunt ne his maydyn./ ne his oxe ne his werk-best. ne ony thyng þat ys his. For þe rote of synne and wrong couetyse stondys in þe herte./ Therefore god forbedys! euyl couetyse and wyl of helle. For 3if

P. *Sextum mandatum est, Non concupisces bonum proximi tui: supple, cum ejus injuria. In quo mandato implicite inhibetur cupiditas possessionis immobilis, Catholici cujuscunque præcipue.*

105 *Septimum mandatum est, Non desiderabis uxorem proximi tui, non servum, non ancillam, non bovem, non asinum, nec omnia quæ illius sunt. In quibus verbis omnis cupiditas possessionis rei alienæ quantum ad res mobiles condemnatur.*

or chattels not
our own of right;

T. As robes or riches, or othir catell
That we have no gode title, ne no right to.
For what thing so we gete, or tas on othir wise,

245 We mai noght be assoiled of the trespas,
Bot if we make assethe in that at we may
To tham that we harmed, withaldand thair godes.
And in cas that we have thurgh fals athes,
Als in assizes or othir enquestes

nor is there abso-
lution without
making satisfac-
tion,

250 Wittandly *and* willfalli gere our euen cristen
Lese thaire patrimoyne, or thair heritage,
Or falsly be desesed of land or of lithe,
Or fals diuorce be made, or any man dampned,
Of all we do, that we may, unto the party,

nor in cases re-
served, except by
the bishop or his
commissary.

255 Yit may we noght be assoiled of our false athe,
Bot of our bisshop or him that has his power,
For swilk cas is riuely reserved til him seluen.


C. ¶ Et sciendum est quod injusti contractores rerum alienarum, et qui per potentiam aut cautelas alias faciunt maliciose et injuste homines perdere quæ sunt sua, absolvi non possunt, donec damnificatis satisfaciant juxta vires, quia non dimittitur peccatum nisi restituatur ablatum. Sed qui sunt perjuri in causis matrimonialibus et in juratis et in assisis, ubi de morte hominis, mutilatione membrorum, vel exhæredatione agitur, etiamsi læsis satisfecerint, absolvi non possunt ab inferiori, quam ab episcopo suo diocæsano, 115 vel ab eo cui episcopus super hoc specialiter commiserit vices suas.


- L.** *pat* be wel kepte fro euyl desyre of *oper* mennys goodys yt ys lyzt to hold owt alle wrongis *and* harm *and* synne. And þow þe world know þe not or punysch þe not for þy trespass: ȝit leue al for drede *and* reuerence of god. And if þou fynde
 875 ony thyng *pat* þy neyȝebore haþ lost: restore yt agayn. For ellys it is þefte as seynt Austyn seys./ And yf þou breke þese comaundementys or ony of hem alle. also (*al so*) sykyr as god ys god. but þou amend þe in þis lyf. þou schalt be dampnyd in helle
 880 in body *and* sowle withouten ende. þow þou haue a þowsand bullys of pardoun lettris of fraternite and Chauntres aftyr þy deth. And also (*al so*) sekyr as god ys god. ȝif þou kepe wel þese comaundementis þou schalt haue þe blysse of heuyn in body *and*
 885 sowle *with-owten* ende. þow þou haue neuer bulle of pardoun./ ne letter of fraternite. ne Chauntre aftyr þy dep. Therefore kepe hem wel. *and* do þe werkys of mercy. to þe nedy pore neyȝebours. and þe erytage of heuyn ys þyn be graunt of cristys
 890 gospel. aselyd *with* his precious blod *pat* may neuer be fals: for no creature in erthe ne in heuyn.
- Who brekys þese to comaundementes *and*
 þe laste./ þey *pat* wrongfully coveytyn ony thyng in herte: þow þey don yt nat in dede. And þey *pat*
 895 wrongfully in herte coueytyn. *and* to here power don hit in dede. And also þey *pat* han in herte lust *and* lykyng of suche wrongful coveytyng.
- Contra concupiscentes domum proximi &c*
 ysa. 5°. deut. 5°. / 19°. / 27°. / 3° re[gum]. 21° de
 900 acab. concupiscente vineam naboth./

Restore things lost.

Punishment for persistent breach of commandments is altogether as sure as God is God.

Endless bliss for keeping them without the pope's pardon, or being enrolled in an order, or masses sung after death.

 Breakers of the two commandments against coveting.

 Latin note. Examples of covetousness.

P.

(Not in P.)

T. (*Nothing in original to correspond with L.*)

[fol. 11 b]

L.* *Contra adulterium. exo. 20 / deut° 22°.*

Latin note.
Examples of
adultery.

prouer. 6°./ sapien. x°. 2° reg. 11./ 12./ Adulterium dauid fuit multipliciter punitum. p[rin]°. puer conceptus in illo adulterio fit mort[u]s propter hoc peccatum. [H]aman filius suus cognouit thamar sororem suam. et propter hoc absolon interfecit eum./ Item absolon fugauit patrem suum & regno./ et prius cognouit decem vxores dauid patris sui in ierusalem./ et deturpauit eas in conspectu populi.

905 *catum. [H]aman filius suus cognouit thamar sororem suam. et propter hoc absolon interfecit eum./ Item absolon fugauit patrem suum & regno./ et prius cognouit decem vxores dauid patris sui in ierusalem./ et deturpauit eas in conspectu populi.*

Rhymed promise
to those who keep
the command-
ments.

910 **T**hese ar þe comaundementys ten

þat god 3af to alle men :

Mekyl ioy schal be to hem.

þat kepe wel *and* trewly hem.

The joys of
heaven,

For schuþ be callyd godys sonys. or his douȝtris

915 *and* schulle regne with crist here god *and* here fadyr in his mageste *and* so be broþerys *and* sustrys with angelys. *and* lyk to hem þat ar bryȝter þan þe sunne bemys./ schynyng euer in ioy withouten ende. Ful wo þan schul þey be þat forsake

920 swyche a cumpany þer merthe lastys euyr. for a schort delyt of þe flesch : *and* for a lyte wyl of þe herte þat he wyl not ȝeue to hys god. And afterward for þat schort delyt brenne in helle fyre as longe as angelis *and* holy seyntis make mery in

925 heuyn with here lord god þat is euer-more. And þan schulle þey sey eche tyl oper thorwȝ trew dom of god. wo to vs. wo to vs : euyr brennyng in byttry fyre. For we haue deseruyd non oper hyre. *and* þerfore derknesse haȝ swolwyd vs. þat we

930 schul neuer se : þe day of amendinge. ¶ Therfore kepe we þese comaundementes of god in drede of hym : þat we for-ȝete hem not. For whan man dredys not : he sone for-getys þat he schulde do./ Therefore kepe we þese comaundementes *and* god

935 schal panke vs. For who-so kepis hem with al

and pains of hell.

- L.** his herte: he doþ more kendenesse to god: þan
 any broþer may do to anoþer And also yf he
 kepe hem not he doþ to god more vnkendenesse
 þan any broþer may do to anoþer. For more vn-
 940 kendenesse may no man do: þan for to grucche
 and set lytyl pris be þe comaundement of his lord
 þat is his maker. and made hym thorwe his kendenesse
 lyk to hym-self in schap. and to haue þe
 blysse of his godhed And yf we with-stand þat
 945 lord þat made vs for oure owne profyt: we do þe
 most vnkendenesse þat may be wrozt./ Therefore
 ho-so felys hym agreuyd in ony of þese: his
 medeyn most *be to amende hym and breke ham
 no more in as moche as he may and be euer sory
 950 whan he thynkys þat he has brokyn ony of hem
 not only for þe peyne þat he haþ deseruyd: but
 for he haþ greuyd god so vnkendely. And þan þe
 grace of god schal lyzt vpon hym And blyssid be
 suche a remedy þat þorw3 foul wyl vnkendely:
 955 and wykkyd is wrozt: þorw3 ordeynynge of good
 wil. ys for3evyn. And yf þou wilt ordeyne þy wil
 to haue for3efnesse: loke þou withstande sadly
 þe furst begynnyng of þe temptacoun of þe fend
 and not consent to hym for nothyng with þy wyl.
 960 whan þou art temptyd and þan þou schalt lyztly
 ouercom hym and þou schalt ioye be-for god: for
 þat good wyl./ For as many temptaciouns as þou
 withstandis for godys sake: as many crownys
 wynnyst þou of god./ Fayn þan may þou be to
 965 thynk whan þou art temptyd. and sey to þy self.
 a[!] now I may chese wheþer I wyl falle with a
 heuy byrden toward helle: and y consent to þe
 fend: Or ellys to be lyfted vp with a glorious
 corone toward god / Ilke man þat haþ resun: wot
 970 wheþer ys better to chese./ And þerfore no man
 may be excusyd./

The unkindness
of not keeping the
commandments
of God,

who has shown
kindness to us.

The remedy
thereof.
[fol. 12]

These ten commandments are comprehended in the two commandments of the Gospel.

T. ¶ This ten Comandement; that I haue nowe rekend
Er umbilouked in twa of the godspell,

LUCE x^o. CAP^o.

260 The tane is we love god ouer al thinges,
The tothir that we love our euen-cristen als we do
oure selven.

For god augh us to love halye with hert,

With al our might, with al our thought, with word
and with deid :

Our euen-cristen alswa augh us to loue

265 Un-to that ilk gode that we loue us selven,

That is, that thai weelfare in bodi *and* in saule,

And *cum* to that ilk blisse that we think to.

Who-so dos this twa fulfilles the othir.

The seven sacraments,

¶ **THE THIRD THING OF THE SEX that I first touched**

270 Is the seuen sacramentz that halikirk gifes

C. ¶ **Hæc autem decem mandata prædicta** in duobus mandatis Evangelii virtualiter includuntur, quæ duo sunt dilectio Dei et proximi.

120 ¶ Deum enim debet quilibet Christianus principaliter ex toto corde diligere, et plus amore quam timore; et proximum suum sicut seipsum, id est ad omne bonum ad quod diligit semet ipsum.

¶ Et qui hæc duo perfecte observat, omnia decem mandata adimplet.

124 ¶ **Tertio sciendum, est quod tres sunt virtutes principales**

[The authorized English does not here keep to the order of the original Latin, where the Theological and Cardinal Virtues come after the Commandments, and before the Sacraments.

For the sake of more easy comparison, the lines here omitted, C. 126—151, are printed with the English, but the lines are numbered as they follow in the original. Post page 76.]

152 ¶ **Quarto septem sunt gratiæ sacramenta, videlicet** baptismus, confirmatio, eucharistia, poenitentia, extrema unctio, ordo,

L. ¶ These ten comaundementis þat y haue reknyd.
ar closyd in two of þe gospel./

The on ys þis. þat we loue god ouer al þyngis./
975 þat oper is: þat we loue oure owyn evyn-cristyn
as oure self./

God vs owe to loue for hym self holly with al
oure herte.

with myzt: and with al oure thozt with word. and
with dede./

Also we owe to loue oure euyn-cristyn for god.
and to coueyte. and to wille hem þe same good þat
we loue oure self to.

980 þat is: þat þey wel fare in body and sowle.
and com to þat blysse þat we þynke to come to.
who-so dop þese two: fulfillþ al þe oper./

þe prydde þyng of þe sex to know god almyȝti
ys þe seuyn sacramentys / of holy chirche
þat he geuys

P. His autem decem mandatis duo superaddit evangelium : Dilectionem scilicet Dei et proximi.

111 Deum diligit, qui dicta mandata ex amore, non timore pœnæ, principaliter custodit. Proximum autem debet quilibet diligere, sicut semetipsum. Ubi hæc conjunctio "*sicut*" non dicit æqualitatem, sed conformitatem, ut videlicet diligas proximum tuum ad
115 quod teipsum, hoc est, ad bonum, non ad malum; et quomodo teipsum, hoc est, spiritualiter, non carnaliter, secundum quod carnalitas dicit vitium. Item quantum teipsum, hoc est, in prosperitate et adversitate, sanitate et infirmitate. Item quantum teipsum respectu temporalium, pro tanto; ut plus diligas omnem
120 hominem et singulum, quam omnem affluentiam temporalium. Item sicut teipsum, pro tanto, ut plus diligas proximi tui animam, seu animæ salutem æternam, quam tuam vitam propriam temporalem; sicut animæ tuæ vitam debes vitæ tuæ carnis præponere. Item qualiter teipsum, ut videlicet omni alii in necessitate subvenias, sicut tibi velles in necessitate consimili subveniri: hæc
125 omnia intelliguntur, cum dicitur, *diligas proximum tuum sicut teipsum.*

Septem etiam sunt *Gratiæ Sacramenta*, quorum dispensatores Ecclesiæ sunt prælati, quorum Sacramentorum quinque debent

T. Thurgh prelates and othir prests that has *the* power.

including matri-
mony.

Of whilk seuen, the first fyve ilk a cristen man
Augh lawfully to take aftir his eld is ;

And twa lies in thair wille that ressayves tham,

Baptism

275 ¶ The first sacrement of seuen is our baptisme,
That we take the first tyme that we becum cristen,
In whilk bathe the first syn that we er born
with,

washes away
original and
actual sin.

And alkyn othir syn, is wasshen oway,
that we er filed with ar we take it ;

280 And the trouthe of halikirk is taken thare-in
Withouten whilk na synfulman saule may be
saued.

Four conditions
necessary to the
right adminis-
tration.

And to this sacrement falles foure thinges,
If it sal rightly be taken als halikirk techis :

1. Form of words.

Ane is right saying *and* shap of the wordes

285 That him augh for to sai, that gyffes this
sacrement

That er thise : **I BAPTIZE THE IN THE NAME**

OF THE FADIR & THE SON, & THE HALI GAST.

2. In water.

¶ Another is, that it be done anely in water,
For nanothir licour is leuefull tharfore.

C. et matrimonium ; quorum quinque prima ab omnibus debent
recipi Christianis, sed duo ultima ordo, videlicet, et matrimonium
156 sunt voluntaria.

¶ Et ista sacramenta sunt per praelatos et sacerdotes tantum-
modo dispensanda : excepto solo sacramento baptismi, quod in
articulo necessitatis potest et debet a quacunque (" *quocunque.*"

160 MS.) persona indifferenter ministrari, viro vel etiam muliere, ser-
vatis omnino quatuor conditionibus infrascriptis.

¶ In baptismo quidem deletur omne peccatum tam originale
quam actuale ; et fides suscipitur sine qua nemo salvari
potest.

¶ Sunt autem in baptismo quatuor principaliter observanda :
166 viz. forma verborum, ut Ego baptizo te in nomine Patris et Filii
et Spiritus Sancti.

¶ Item quod fiat in aqua et non in alio liquore.

L. þorw3 prelatys. and oþer prestys þat haue power
þerto./

986 Of whyche seuen þe fyrste fyue eche man cristyn
owe lawfully to take aftyr þat he old ys./
And tuo ly in here wil þat resseyuit hem.

The fyrste sacrament of þe seuyn ys oure bapteme

990 þat we take furst. whan we be-come cristyn.
in whiche byrthe. boþe þe fyrst syn þat we be
born yn.

and al maner oþer synnys ar waschyn a-way :

þat we be fowlyd yn : er þat we yt take.

And þe trewþe of holy chirche *ys takyn þeryn. [fol. 12 b]

995 withowtyn whiche no man þat is sinful in sowle
may be sauýd.

And to þis sacrament fallyþ foure þynges

yf it schal ryȝtful be take as holy chirche techys./

On ys ryȝt seyyng and scharp of wordys

þat hym owys for to say þat gyfys þis sacrament
þe whiche ar these.

1000 **I** baptize þe In þe name of þe fadyr. and þe sone.
and þe holy gost./

Anoþer is þat yt be don only in watyr

For noon oþer lycour ys lefful þerfore.

P. recipi ab omnibus Christianis, utpote baptismus, confirmatio,
131 pœnitentia, eucharistia suo tempore, et extrema unctio,

[From this place **P.** is printed without reference to the proper sequence
of the text, in order to correspond with **T.**]

3. Intention in the minister.

4. Not to be iterated,

[fol. 296 b]

but in case of doubt, to be administered with a conditional form.

In Confirmation bishops confer the grace of the Holy Ghost upon those who receive the Sacrament, to strengthen them against the devil;

and this only bishops, as successors of the Apostles.

Penance is genuine repentance.

T. ¶ The third is, that he that gyffes this sacrament
Be in wit and in will for to gyff it.

¶ And the ferthe is, that he that takes it
Be nouthir of lered, ne of lawed, baptized before ;
For if the prest be in were of him that sal
take it,

295 Whethir he be baptized *or he be noght,
Than sall he sai the wordes upon this wise—
If thou be noght baptized, I baptize the
In the name of the fadir *and* the son and the
haligast.

¶ **THE SECUND** sacrament is confermyng
300 That the bisshop gives to tham that er baptized,
That giffes thurgh his power to tham that tas it

The grace and the giftes of the haligast
To make tham mare stalworth than thai ware
before

To stand ogaynes the fend, *and* dedely syn,
305 That nane has power to do bot bisshop allane

That has the state *and* the stede of *cristes* apostels.

¶ **The third** sacrament is cald penance,
That is sothefast forthinking we have of our syn

C. ¶ Item quod baptizans habeat intentionem baptizandi, et quod baptizandus non sit prius baptizatus.

¶ Et si dubium fuerit, dicendum est, Si non es baptizatus, Ego
172 baptizo te in nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti.

¶ **Virtus et effectus confirmationis** est conferre gratiam Spiritus sancti et virtutes homini baptisato, ad augmentum, fortificationem, seu roborationem contra diabolum et peccata.

176 ¶ Hoc autem sacramentum tantum dari potest ab Episcopis qui locum tenent Apostolorum.

[In the Latin of the Convocation, the Sacrament of the Eucharist follows Confirmation. See post page 66.]

180 ¶ **Pœnitentia** est peccata plangere et ea ulterius non com-

- L.** The þrydde ys. þat he þat 3euys þis sacrament
be in wyl *and* wyt for to 3eue yt.
- 1005 ¶ The ferthe is þat he þat takys yt
be nyþer of leryd ne lewd baptyzed be-fore./
And yf þe prest be in dowte of hym þat schal
tak hit
wheþer he be baptyzid or noȝt:
þan schal he seye þe wordys in þese wyse./
- 1010 ȝif þou be not baptizid: I baptyz þe
in þe name of þe fadyr. *and* þe sone. *and* þe holy
gost.
- ¶ The secunde sacrament ys confermynge
þat þe byschop ȝyuyþ to hem þat ar baptyzid
in þe whyche he ȝeuyþ þorwȝ his power to hym
þat takys hyt
- 1015 be þe grace *and* þe gyftis of þe holy gost
þat is of godis graunt to make hem more stalworþ
þan þey were be-fore.
to withstonde þe fende *and* alle dedly synnys.
That sacrament owys noon to do. but þe byschop
alone.
þat haþ þe stat *and* þe stede of cristys apostyl.
- 1020 ¶ The þrydde sacrament is clepyd Penaunce
þat is soþfast forthynkyng þat we haue for oure
synnys

The bishop, by the
grace of the Holy
Ghost, which is of
God's grant,
gives to those
who receive the
sacrament to be
stronger than
before.

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baptismus, confirmatio, pœnitentia,

- T.** Withouten will or thoght to *turne* ogayne to it.
 And this behoues haue thre thinges if it be
 stedefast :
1. Contrition. 311 Ane is sorow of *our* hert that we have synned ;
 2. Confession. Anothir is open shrift of our mouth how we haf
 synned,
 3. Satisfaction. And the third is rightwise amendes makyng for
 that we haf synned.
 This thre, with gode will to forsake our syn,
- 315 Clenses us *and* wasshes us of alkyn synnes.
The ferthe is the sacrement of the auter,
 Cristes owen bodi in likeness of brede,
 Als hale as he toke it of that blessed maiden ;
 Whilk ilk man *and* woman, that of eld is,
- It ought to be 320 Aught forto resceyve anes in the yhere,
 received at Easter, That is at sai, at paskes, als hali kirke uses,
 When thai er clensed of syn thurgh penance,
- except for reason- Of payne of doying out of hali kirke.
 able cause, Bot if thai forbere it be skilwise cause,
 which must be 325 That aught to be knawen to thaim that sal
 made known to gif it,
 the minister. For he that takes it worthili, takes his salvation,
 Worthy reception is salvation,
 but unworthy is damnation. And who-so unworthili, takes his dampnation.

C. mittere, cujus tres sunt partes, scilicet cordis contritio, oris confessio, et operis satisfactio.

Contritio debet esse devota intima et amara.

¶ **Confessio** debet esse humilis, nuda, et integra, declarans
 185 facti circumstantias peccatum aggravantes.

Satisfactio est libens et læta injunctæ poenitentiae completio.

Sed frequens et amara debet esse peccati recordatio, per quod
 188 quis ingrate suum præsumpsit offendere Redemptorem.

178 ¶ **EUCCHARISTIA** est vivum corpus Christi: et illud, si digne
 sumatur, sumenti proficit ad vitam æternam, si indigne sumatur
 180 ædificat ad gehennam.

L. wyþ-owt wyl or þoʒt to turne agayn þerto./
And þis be-houys haue þre thyngys ʒif hit be
stedfast./

On ys sorw of herte of þat þat we haue synnyd.

1025 Anop̃er ys opyn schryft of oure mowþ how we
haue synnyd.

The þyrde is amendys makyng for þat we
haue do.

These þre with good wil for to forsake oure
synnys

clensys vs *and* weschys vs of alle maner synnys.

¶ The ferþe ys þe sacrament of þe awter

1030 cristys owne body in lyknesse of bred.
ryʒt as he tok yt. of þe blyssyd Maydyn **Marie**
whiche euery man þat ys of elde :

The Body of
Christ is just as
He took it of the
Blessed Virgin.

owe to resseyue onys in þe ʒere.

þat ys to seye at **Paske** as holy chirche vsyþ.

1035 whan þey ar clensyd clene of synn thorwʒ
penaunce.

vp[on] peyne of doying out of holy chirche.

but ʒif þey for-bere yt for ony skylful cawse.

þat owyþ for to be knowyn to hym þat schal ʒeue
hyt.

These who receive
worthily, receive
to their salvation ;
[fol. 13]

For he þat takys yt worthyly takys hit *to hys
saluacioun.

1040 And who þat takys yt vnworþily : he takyþ hit
to his da[m]pnacioun

and those who
receive un-
worthily, to their
damnation.

P. 131 pœnitentia, eucharistia suo tempore, et extrema unctio,

Extreme unction, or anointing of those of a reasonable age who appear to be in danger of death.

T. The fift sacrament is the last enoynting
With oyle that is halowed *and* handeled of prest

330 To tham that he wate er of skillwise elde,
And that he seis sikerly in peril of dede,
In lightenes and alegeaunce of their sekenesse,
If god wil that thai *turne* ogayne until hele,
And als in forgyuenesse of venyale synnes,

335 And in lessyng of payne, if thai passe hethen.

Rightful ordering empowers men to serve according to their degree,

¶ **The sext sacrament** of halikirke is Ordir,
That giffes power to tham that rightwisely tas it
For to *serve* in halikirk aftir thair state is,
And to tham that takes the ordir of prest

and priests to minister the sacraments allotted to them.

340 For to *serue* *and* for to minister sacramentz of
halikyrk, that to tham falles
Aftir the state that thai haue, *and* thair degree
askes.

Matrimony joins together man and wife so long as they both shall live, as a remedy against sin and a means of grace.

¶ **THE SEVENT** sacrament is Matirmonye,
That is, a lawefull festenyng betwix man *and*
woman,

At thair bother assent for to lyve samen

345 Withouten ony lousyng to thair life lastes,

In remedi of syn, *and* getyng of grace,
If it be taken in gode attent and clenness of lif.

C. ¶ **Extrema Unctio** est poenæ spiritualis aliqualis alleviatio quæ tantum debet dari adultis, qui gravis infirmitatis indiciis
192 videntur mortis appropinquare periculo, tamen, si potest commode fieri, detur dum infirmi sunt compotes rationis.

¶ **Ordo, rite collatus**, dat potestatem rite ordinatis ministrandi in ecclesia et conferendi ecclesiastica sacramenta—unicuique
196 juxta statum et ordinem quæ suscepit.

¶ **Matrimonium** est viri et mulieris conjunctio individua, vitæ retinens consuetudinem, et in isto sacramento etiam confertur gratia si puro corde et sincero animo contrahatur.

- L.** ¶ The fyfte sacrament ys. þe last anoyntyng.
 with oyle þat is halwyd *and* handlyd of prest
 to hem þat arn of skylful elde.
and semyn in perel of dep :
- 1045 in lyztnesse *and* aleggaunce of here seknesse
 yf god wile þat þey turne agayn to þe hele /
 and also in forʒefnesse of venial synnys.
and in lessyng of peyne yf þey passe hens.
- ¶ The sexte sacrame[n]t of holy chirche is. ordyr
- 1050 þat geuys power to hem þat ryztfully takyn hit
 for to serue in holy chirche aftyr her stat ys.
and to hem þat takyn þe ordyr of prest
 for to synge messis. *and* for to mynystre þe
 sacramentes of holy chirche
 þat to hem fallyn aftyr þe stat þat þei han *and*
 here degre askyp.
- 1055 ¶ The seuent sacrament *and* þe last ys. Matrimony.
 þat ys a lawful fastnyng be-twyx man *and*
 womman
 at here bothe assent. for to lyue to-gydyr
 whyle here boþe lyuys wyl laste withoute eny
 partyng
 in remedy of synne *and* getyng of grace :
- 1060 yf hit be taken of good entent : *and* clenness of
 lyfe.

P. quæ tantum illis dari debet, qui gravis infirmitatis indicii videntur mortis appropinquare periculo : veruntamen si fieri potest, detur dum fuerint compotes mentis et rationis. Et si contingat

135 eos phrenesi, vel quacunque alienatione mentis laborare ; si ante alienationem erant de sua salute solliciti, consulimus nihilominus eis hoc sacramentum fiducialiter ministrari. Credimus enim et experimentis didicimus, quantumcunque phrenetico (si tamen sit prædestinationis filius) istius susceptionem, vel ad habendum

140 lucidum intervallum, vel ad spirituale commodum, utpote ad augmentum gratiæ, profuturum.

Sunt duo alia sacramenta, scilicet, ordo et matrimonium. Quorum primum perfectis convenit : secundum vero novi testamenti tempore solum convenit imperfectis ; et tamen per ipsum ex vi

145 sacramenti credimus largiri gratiam, si sincero animo contrahatur.

The seven works
of mercy,

**T. ¶ THE FERTHE THING OF THE SEX TO KNOW GOD
ALMIGHTEN,**

That us behoues fulfill in al that we mai,
350 Is the seuen dedis of merci until our euen-cristen

That god sal reherce us upon the dai of dome,
and wit how we haf done tham here in this lyfe,
Als saint matheu mas mynde in his godspell.
—xxv°. capitulo.—

to the hungry,

¶ Of whilk the first is to fede tham that er hungry.

the thirsty,

355 ¶ That othir, for to gif tham drynk that er thirsty.

the naked,

¶ The third, for to clethe tham that er clatheless.

the strangers,

¶ The ferthe is to herber tham that er houselesse.

the sick,

¶ The fifte, for visite tham that ligges in sekenesse.

the prisoners,

¶ The sext, is to help tham that in prison er.

the dead.

360 ¶ The sevent, to bery dede men that has mister.

¶ Thise er the seuen bodily dedis of merci
That ilk man augh to do that is mighty.

¶ *UNDE VERSUS*, vestio, poto, cibo, redimo, tego,
colligo, condo.

**C. ¶ Item sex sunt opera misericordiæ quæ in evangelio
recitantur.**

202 ¶ *Primum* est pascere famelicum.

¶ *Secundum* potare sitientem.

¶ *Tertium* hospitare peregrinos et pauperes.

¶ *Quartum* vestire nudum.

206 ¶ *Quintum* visitare infirmum.

¶ *Sextum* consolari carceri mancipatum.

¶ *Et septimum* colligi potest ex Tobia, videlicet, sepeliri
corpora mortuorum.

L. *Septem opera corporalia misericordie*

The ferthe thyng of þe sex to know god
almy³thi

is. þat vs be-houys to knowe

þe seuen dedys of mercy bodyly *and* gostly.

and to fulfyll hem in al þat we may.

1065 *and* do hem to our euyn-cristen vp-on payne of
dampnacioun.

For god schal reherce hem to vs at þe day of dom.

and se how we haue don ham to our euyn-cristyn.

as seynt Mathew seyþ in þe gospel./

Of þe whiche þe fyrst ys to fede hem þat be
hu[n]gry.

1070 That oper is. to ȝeue hem drynke þat be þursty.

The þridde for to cloþe hem. þat ben cloþles.

The ferthe is. to herberwȝe pore men. þat ben
herberwȝles.

The fyfte to conforte *and* helpe men in prisoun.

The sexte is to visite *and* conforte hem þat be
seke.

1075 The seuent is. to bery hem þat have nede.

Al maner of men ben holdyn be godys lawe

to do þese seuyn bodyly werkys of mercy.

vp-on here power. *and* who-euer do þese werkys
of mercy trewly

be his power: he schal haue þe blysse of heuyn

1080 as crist sayþ in þe gospel. *and* schewis opunly.

Promises to those
who do these
works to the best
of their power,

P. Sex autem *Opera Misericordie* ex Matthæi evangelio patefiunt,
quæ sunt :

Pascere famelicum, hoc est, famem habentem.

Potare sitibundum.

150 Hospitio recipere peregrinum.

Vestire nudum.

Visitare infirmum.

Consolari carceri mancipatum.

Septimum vero ex Tobia colligitur, quod est, Sepelire mor-

155 tuorum corpora.

T. (*Nothing in original to correspond with L.*)

- L.** Therefore sayþ Crist whan þou makyst a feste or a
 1082 calle noon to þe ryche men. [soper
 to the poor but pore men. Febyl. Crokyd. and blynde.
 And hit schal qwynt to þe in þy laste day.
- [fol. 13 b] 1085 ¶ And *also be þe prophete ysaye god seyes.
 Breke þy bred to þe hungry and bryng in-to þyn
 hows nedy men.
 and needy. and þo þat haue noon hous of here owne.
 whan þou seist a nakyd man hele hym :
 and dispise not þy broþer.
- The cursedness of those [friars] who snatch rich men's alms away from the poor. 1090 ¶ lord how cursyd be þe ypocritys. þat be fals
 ypocrisy.
 ravischyn ryche mennys almes fro pore nedy men.
 where god byddis almes be don : and drawys yt
 to hem self to make nedles howsys.
 and grete festys to ryche men. and opir vanitees.
 Hit semyþ þe fend bryngis yn suche ypocritys to
 disseyue þe ryche men
- 1095 of here almes. and of feyth. and of cristis gospel.
 For in almes wel don : stondys moche remissioun
 of synnys.
 þerfore þe fend castys be sotel ypocrisy : to for-
 do pys almes.

Causa monens ad opera misericordie

The example of
 Christ and our
 own reason should
 stir us to do these
 works.

- A** general steryng be Crystys lyf and Resun
 for to fulfyllen þese werkys of mercy.
- 1100 ¶ Furst men schuld wilfully fede pore hungry men
 and þrusty.
 For in þat : þey fede iesu Crist as he hym self
 sayþ in þe gospel.
 And also Iesu crist gyfys body and sowle lyf and
 catel to vs for þis ende.
 and fedis vs wyþ his flesh and his blod in þe
 sacrament of þe awter.

To this end are
 the gifts of nature
 and grace ;

- L.** *and gaf hys precious herte blod on þe cros*
 1105 *to bryng vs owt of Mischef of synnys and paynys.*
¶ þan resonably ow we to ȝeue mete and drynke
to nedy men of his owne goodis.
For hys loue and reward of heuyn blysse. and
more encrease of wordly goodys.
¶ Also skylfully we owe to cloþe þe nakyd pore
men
 1110 *sethen crist gyfys gloþis to þis ende.*
and he hym self was strepid nakyd.
and betyn. and suffryd moche cold for our nede.
And ȝif we do þis wel he wyle cloþe oure sowlys
with vertues and grace in body and sowle
 1115 *with þe stole of vndedlynnesse and blysse of heuyn.*
And we owe wel to herberwe pore herberwȝles
men for cristys loue.
sethyn crist for oure nede com down fro heuyn
and leuyd in þis world pore lyf.
and had non hous of his owyn be worldly tytyl.
 1120 *and offrid al hys body on þe cros.*
and his herte to be pynynd and persyd with a spere.
for to bryng vs in-to þe hows of holy chirche.
and in-to þe hows of heuyn in blysse with-owtyn
ende.
¶ Be gret resoun owe we to vysite seke men
 1125 *sethyn *crist for oure nede deyed on þe cros.*
to bryng vs out of seknesse and synne. and kepes
vs out of bodily seknesse :
for we schuld help oþer seke men. and be þis
help deserue þe blyss of heuyn.
¶ Also we owe be gret resoun to comfort men in
presoun.
Seþen crist was þre and thyrtȝ ȝere in gret presoun
and paynful in þis world.
 1130 *and sparid not for no cold ne hungyr ne oþer peynys*
to visyte vs. þat were in prisoun of synne.

and the reward,
 heavenly bliss and
 earthly pros-
 perity.
 It is reason we
 should clothe the
 naked,

and house the
 homeless ;

for Christ has
 gained a home
 for us.

[fol. 14]

He healed our
 sickness,

and visited us
 when fast bound
 in sin.

A rhyming
enumeration of
the seven spiritual
works of mercy.

T. ¶ Thare er of merci allso seuen gasteli dedis
365 That us augh to do to tham that has nede til us :

Counsel.

¶ Ane is to consaile *and* wisse tham that er will.

Reproof.

¶ A nothir is to withdrawe tham that will wirk ill.

Consolation.

¶ The third is to solace tham that er sorowfull.

Prayer for
sinners.

¶ The ferthe is to pray for tham that er sinful.

Patience.

370 ¶ The fite is to be tholemode when men misdos us.

Forgiveness.

¶ The sext gladly to forgyf when men has greued us.

C.

(*Spiritual works of mercy not in Latin original ;*

L. ne sparid not to visite men þat were in helle for
horroure of þat place.

¶ Lord whi schuld venym or styng lette vs to
visite men in *presun.*

Why should
infection or stink
keep us from jail
and prisoners for
the truth sake.

sythyn þey be many tymes *presonyd* for hate *and*
for trewthe þat þey mayntene.

1135 and many tymys for ensampyl of vs: god suffrys
hem þus to be pynynd

for we schuld drede gretter þe peynys of helle.

¶ We owe to bery pore dede men in tyme of nede.
sythyn *crist* wilfully suffryd so hard deth
in þe mount of caluerye for oure synnys

We should bury
the dead, for
Christ was willing
to die for us.

1140 And þese werkys of Mercy be vndon.

he schal dampne vs to helle *with-outyn* ende.

And yf we do hem trewly: he wil bryng vs to
heuyn *with-outen* ende. Amen.

.vij. opera spiritualia misericordie

Per be seuen werkys of gostly mercy.

þat god chargis more þan þe werkys of
bodily mercy.

1145 and þey be bettyr and esyer to fulfyllen.

The fyrst is to teche men þat be vncunnyng of
goddys lawe.

Teaching.

¶ The secunde is to counseyl men in dowte whiche
is sekyl. way to plese god.

Counsel.

¶ The þridde ys to chastyse hem þat be rebel
aʒenst godis comaundementys.

Reproof.

¶ þe ferthe is to conforte men. þat be in care *and*
disese.

Consolation.

1150 ¶ The fyfte is to for-ʒeue rancour of herte. hate.
and envye

Forgiveness.

¶ The sexte is to suffre paciently.

Patience.

whan men be out of pacience, resoun *and* mesoure.

P. nor in the *Constitutions of Archbishop Peckham.*)

Teaching.

T. ¶ The seuent, when men askes us for to her tham,
if we can mare than thai for to lere tham.

The spiritual
works of mercy,

UNDE *versus*, Consule, castiga, solare, remitte,
fer, ora,

375 Instrue si poteris : sic cristo carus haberis.

needful for others,
and profitable to
ourselves.

¶ Thise til our neghtebors er ful nedefull,
And to tham that dos tham wondir medefull,
For he sal find merci that mercifull is,
And man withouten merci of merci sal misse.

The seven Chris-
tian Virtues.

380 ¶ THE FIFTE THING of the sex to knaw god
Almighten

Is the seuen vertues that haliwrit techis,

[See Note, page 60.]

C. ¶ Tertio sciendum, est quod tres sunt virtutes principales
125 scilicet, fides, spes et caritas,

- L.** ¶ The seuent *and* þe last is to pray erly *and* late
for oure enmys. as crist byddys in þe gospel.
Euery man pore *and* riche may do alle þese: whan-
euer he wyl
- 1155 in o maner or in anoþer. *and* he is neuer þe porer.
and þey bryngge sowlys out of mischefys of synne.
Therfore as þe sowle is better þan þe body:
So þese gostly mercyes be better þan þe bodyly
mercyes.
- ¶ A / lord how cursyd be þey. þat may lyztly do
þese werkys of gostly mercy
- 1160 *and* do not.
sythen þey *be so cursyd of god þat do nat þe [fol. 14 b]
werkys of bodyly mercy.
þat ar not so esy ne so profytable.
- ¶ But how moche more be þei cursyd of god: þat
bynde hem-self wilfully.
and takyn moche mede to do þese werkys of gostly
mercy.
- 1165 As do Curatis *and* prelatys. *and* ȝit do hem nat.
but lettys oþer men to fulfyllen hem be feynyd
iurisdiction
- whan þey hem-self may not. con not. or wyl not.
for worldly bysynesse or ese of here body.
- ¶ hyt semyþ be many resonys. þat þey be more
cursyd þan scariot or Symon magus.
- 1170 *and* deppyr schul be dampnyd.
but yf þey amend hem fully in þis lyf.

Prayer for
enemies.

Rich and poor are
able to do these
spiritual works,
and they are
better than mercy
shewn to the
body.

A curse on those
who do them
not;

and specially on
those who of free
will are pledged
to do them,

but hinder others,
when they have
neither power nor
knowledge nor
the will them-
selves.

Septem virtutes.

The fyfte þyng of þe sex to know god
almyȝty
is þe .vij. vertues þat holy writ techys.

P. 176 Septem sunt *Principales Virtutes*, scilicet fides, spes, charitas,

Three towards
God;

four in respect
to ourselves and
our neighbour.

Faith

is the beginning
of good works;
but nothing worth
without works,
[fol. 297]
nor can works be
pleasing to God
without it.
Hope,
both through
God's goodness
and our own good
works;

neither despair-
ing,

nor presuming.

T. Of whilk seuen the thre first, that er heued thewes,

Teches us how to haue us unto god almighten,
And the four techis us swa for to lyf

385 Bathe onentes our self and our euen-cristen
That it be bathe likand to god *and* to man.

¶ **The firste** vertue is trouthe, whar thurgh we trow
Anely in a God, that made al thinges,
With al the othir articles I touched before;

390 And this is nedefull til all that *cristen* lifes,
For trouthe is beginyng of al gode werkes:
For nouthir is trouth worth withouten gode werkes,
Ne ne *werk withouten trouth mai pai god
almighten.

¶ **The tothir** gode thewe *and* vertue is hope,
395 That is a siker abyding of gastely gode
Thurgh goddes godeness, *and* our godedis,
For to come to that blisse that never mare blinnes
Not anely in traiste of goddes godeness
Ne alanely in traist of our godededis,
400 Bot in traist of tham when thai er bathe samen.

For nouthir sal we fall so ferr in al wanhope
That we ne sall traist to have blisse if we wele do,

Ne we ne sal nocht come so ferre in-til our hope
That we sal traist so mikel of goddes godeness,

C. quæ theologicæ appellantur, et a solis fidelibus possidentur.

¶ **Fides** est virtus, qua creduntur quæ ad Christianæ religionis
pertinent fundamentum, et consistit principaliter in articulis
prænotatis.

130 ¶ **Spes** est certa futuræ beatitudinis expectatio, proveniens ex
meritis gratiæ divinæ; sed hæc habet duo contraria, plurimum
viciosa, scilicet desperationem et præsumptionem, a quibus cavere
debemus. Nam cum Deus sit misericors, nemo desperare debet,
quia quacunque hora peccator veraciter poenituerit salvus erit; et
135 cum Deus sit justus, nullus sub fiducia misericordiæ peccare
præsumat, cum solis poenitentibus venia concedatur.

L. Of whiche seuen þre þe (*sic*) fyrste þat be
souerayne vertues

1175 we owe for to haue toward god almyȝty.
And þe oþer foure techyn vs so for to lyue :

þat yt be lykyng to god *and* to man.

¶ The furste vertu is **Feyþ**.

wher-by we trowe only in god. þat alle þyngys made

1180 *with* alle þe artyclys : þat y be-fore seyde.

And þis is nedful to alle þat tristyly lyuys.

For trewthe is begynnyge of alle gode werkys./

But noþer trewthe *withoute* good werke/

ne good werk *with-outyn* trewthe may plese god
almyȝty.

1185 The secund vertu is **Hope**.

þat is a sikyr bydyng of gostly good

þorwȝ godis goodnesse : *and* oure owne good dedys.

For to come to þat blysse þat neuerschall haue ende.

Not only in trust of goddis goodnesse :

1190 ne al only in *trust* of oure good dedys.

but in trust of hem bothe : whan þey be bothe
to-gydyr.

For neyþer schal we falle so far in wanhope /

þat we ne schal *truste* to haue þat blysse. yf we
wel do.

Ne we schal nat *truste* so fer in þe mercy of god :

1195 þat we leue goode dedys vn-don.

P. quæ ad Deum ordinantur, ac idcirco theologicæ appellantur :

T. That we sal hope to have blisse withouten gode dedis.

Charity,

406 ¶ **The third** vertu or thew is charite,
The whilk is a dere loue that us augh to haue
Unto god almighten and all our euen-cristen
Unto god almighten al for him-selven,

for God,

and man.

410 And al our euen-cristen for god almighten
For the tane may nought be loued withouten the
tothir,

For als that saint Iohan sais in his epistell

—ca°. iiij^{to}.—

That comandement, he sais, we have of god al-
mighten,

That wha-soeuer loues god, loues his euen cristen ;

415 For he that loues noght his brothir, wham he mai se,
how suld he loue god almighten that he seis noght.

Justice
renders to all
their due,

¶ **The ferthe** vertu or thewe is rightwisenesse,
That is to yheld to al men that we augh tham,
For to do til ilk man that us augh to do,

honour to whom
honour,

420 For to worship tham that er worthi,

C. ¶ **Caritas est** qua diligitur Deus propter se ; et proximus propter Deum.

140 ¶ **Quatuor vero virtutes cardinales sunt**, justitia, prudentia, fortitudo et temperantia.

¶ **Justitia** enim constat in recte reddendis judiciis, et debitis

L. For *with* oute goode dedys: we come neuer into heuyn.

1197 and but we holde specialy þe byddyng of god
¶ þe þyrde vertu is **Charite**. þe whiche ys fulnesse of loue

to god almyȝty *and* to oure euyn-cristyn./

1200 To god almyȝty as for hym-self.
and to oure euyn-cristyn for god almyȝty.
For þat on may not be louyd : *withoutyn* þat oper.

For as Seynt **Jon** seyþ in his Pystyl.

þat *comaundement we haue of god.

[fol 15]

1205 þat who-so euer louys god : lovys his euyn cristyn.
For ho þat louyþ nat his broþer whom he may se ;
how schold he loue god. whom he seys nat.

¶ The ferthe vertu ys **Ryȝtwysnesse**.

þat is to ȝelde to alle men þat. þat we owe hem.

1210 *and* for to do. to eche man : þat vs owe.

Fyrst: for to ȝeld to god seruyse þat we be-heet
hym whan we tok cristyndom

and to kepe his comaundementys be-fore alle oper
thyngys.

And study we al oure herte : to do aftyr his
counseyl.

and so to plesse hym. *and* fulfyllle his wyl.

1215 in al þat euer we mowe. for to haue þank of hym.
and to gete of hym oure mede. for þat ys souerayne
ryȝtwisnesse.

And afterward to worfchype ham þat be worthy.

P. prudentia, temperantia, justitia, fortitudo; per quas homo ad
159 seipsum et proximum ordinatur.

T. (*Nothing in original to correspond with L.*)

- L.** þat is þo þat loue god. and leue good lyf : aftyr
goddys lawe.
- not for riches, Not worschiþe men for here worldly rychesse. as
þe fals world dop :
- 1220 for þey be mysdoers. sotel. and slyhtful dys-
seyuers.
- nor for habits of
an order, Ne worschiþe not men for here fayre cloþes. ne
for here qweynte schappis
þat sum men vsen. and sey þe cloþis make hem
holy.
- which dying men
assume to escape
hell. ¶ And forþermore þey make sum men beleue þat
who so euer deys
in here abyte of hire ordre : þat he schal neuer go
to helle.
- A dangerous
heresy 1225 And sum men þynke þat þis is a ful parlows
heresy.
For to make men to trowe in fals thyngys.
þat may not helpe hem to here saluacioun.
For þan myzt a man synne how-euer hym lyst.
and leue so in dedly synne tyl hys endyng day.
- 1230 and neuer forthynk his synne. ne make satis-
faccion
of goodys þat he haþ stole of oþer mennys.
but kast on suche a cope and dye þer-yn.
and þan his synnys schul be forþeue hym : as
fro þe peyne of helle
- to teach thus. But þis lernyng is azen ryztwysnesse. seþyn ryzt-
wys god techys þe contrary.
- 1235 For god and alle his seyntyys. and oure beleue
techis vs :
þat who-so-euer brekys godys comandementys
wilfully.
and leuyþ in pride. and in lecchery. and stelys
his neyzebours goodys :
- The penalty of
wilful breach of
God's command-
ments,

- L.** And hap no repentaunce for þese synnys in his if unrepented of,
laste ende :
- ne makys no satisfaccion yf he may
- 1240 of þe stole goodys neþer in dede. ne in wyl. ne in
thoȝt :
- þat he mot verilyche go to helle./ euery (*ever*) is hell without
with-oute ende.
- þow he deyde in alle þe abytyz and alle þe vesti-
mentys in cristyndom
- 3e: þow he hadde vp-on hym in his dep: þe cloþ even though the
þat crist weryd man died in
Christ's own
vesture.
- * here in erthe in his manhed þat be resun was [fol. 15 b]
neuer worldly cloþ so holy
- 1245 ¶ And furþer more ho-so-euer had synnyd in alle But if he had
þese wyse. repented of his
sin
- and lefte his synne with ful repentaunce
- and perfyte wylle neuermore to synne eft-sonys
dedly
- with satisfaccion to his euyn-cristyn: as is trew
god /
- he most saue hym þorw3 his ryȝtwysnesse. and Christ will save
him.
- 1250 For on þis wyse stondys ful remyssioun of
synne.
- and þerfore ho-so-euer behotys eny man to come The promise of
to heuyn pardon on any
other terms
- thorw3 forȝeuenesse of synne but on þis
wyse
- he is vnryȝtwys and fals in his seyynge. is false,
- For yf he sey he schal not come in helle
- 1255 and he deye in here abyte of here ordre: for, habit or no
þan most he wel wyte: þat he schuld to heuyn habit, none can
forestall God's
judgment.
- at þe day of dom.
- and holy wryt seyp. þat noman wot
- whydyr he may be worpy to haue hate or loue of
god.

Justice
helps the needy,
and wrongs no
man, but does to
all what reason
asks.

Prudence or Wis-
dom is wary with
danger, and dis-
cerns good from
evil.

Fortitude or
strength of mind
and purpose,

T. For to helpe the pouer that er nedy,

422 For to do gile ne *wrang* unto naman,
bot for to do that skill is unto ilkman.

¶ **The fift vertu** or thew sleghe or slegness
—prudencia—

425 That wisses us to be war with wathes of the world,
for it kennes us to know the gode fra the yvel,
And als-so to sundir the tane fra the tothir,
And for to leue that is yvel, and take to the gode;
And of twa gode thinges to chese the better.

430 ¶ **The sext vertu** is strength or stalworthnesse,
Noght anely of bodi, but of hert and of will,

C. persolvendis; et sic est contra malitiam sæculi plurimum opportuna.
¶ **Prudentia est** in utilibus eligendis et malis præcavendis
et sic est utilis contra diaboli tentamenta.

145 ¶ **Fortitudo** constat in prosperis et adversis æquanimiter

I. And holy wryt may nat be fals: þan ys he fals
þat þus techys:

1260 þat who-euer deyes in here abyte schal neuer go
to helle.

But trew men *and* meke men þynke
yt were more tokyn of holynesse
to dey *withouten* ony cloþynge: or ellys in a pore
cloþynge
to schew *oper* ensample. whiche þey schul be.

1265 and to schew hem meknesse *and* porenese to
stoppe pride.

and þat we com bare in-to þis world *and* bare
schul we passe

But yf we be cloþyd in oure sowle *with* vertues
and holy lyuynge

And þerfore ryȝtwisnesse wyl not þat we worschipe
men. for here cloþynge.

but only for here fayre vertues. *and* here clene lyf.

1270 for to helpe þat pore þat be nedy. *and* to amend
synful men

as þe gospel seys. to do wrong to no man.

but to do þat skyl is to eche man.

¶ The v. vertu ys **warnesse.** *and* sleyȝte.

in god to know þe goode fro þe euyl.

1275 *and* to depart hem in two.

and for to hate þe euyl: *and* loue þe goode.

and of two goode þyngys to chese þe bettyr.

¶ The sexte vertu ys **Strengthe**

not only of þe body. but also of þe herte. *and* of
þe wyl.

P. Est autem actus *prudentiæ* bonum eligere; actus *justitiæ* recta
facere; actus *temperantiæ* non impediri deliciis; actus *fortitudinis*
164 non dimittere bonum agendum pro angustiis vel molestiis quibus-
cunque.

in weal and woe, **T.** Euenly to sofir the wele *and* the wa,
 neither elated Welthe or wandreth, whethir so betides,
 nor depressed, 435 Ne ouer mikel undir for nane yvel fare,
 but stedfast to But saffely for to stand ogaynes our faes,
 God-ward, Whethir thai be bodili or thai be gastely,
 So that na foule fandyng make us to fall,
 Or be fals in our faithe ogayne god almightyen.

Temperance or Moderation 440 **The seuent vertu** and the laste is methe or methe-
 fulnsse,—**TEMPERANCIA**—

preserves us from excess,
 That hedis us fra outrage, *and* haldes us in euen
 Lettes fole lykynges and lustes of the flesch,
 And yhemes us fro yernynges of worldely godes,
 And kepes us in clenness of bodi and of saule :

that we may live rationally. 445 For methe is mesur and met of al that we do,
 If we lyff skillwisely als the lawe techis.

The seven deadly sins, ¶ **THE SEXT THING AND THE LAST OF THAS** I first
 touchid

Is the seuen heued synnes or dedely synnes,
 That ilkman augh for to knawe to fle and forhoue,
 that we must know, so as to flee them. 450 For man mai noght fle tham bot he knawe tham,
 Pride, enuy, wrath, and glotony, covatis *and* slauth,
 and licheri.

C. tolerandis : et hæc est necessaria ad pugnandum contra mundum, carnem, et diabolum in hac vita.

¶ **Temperantia** est in motibus illicitis coercendis : et hæc est necessaria ad carnalia desideria ratione domanda.

150 ¶ Istis quatuor hic in vita bene vivitur ; et post ad æternam patriam pervenitur.

[See Note, page 60.]

211 ¶ **Item septem sunt peccata mortalia** scilicet superbia, invidia, ira, acedia, avaritia, gu'a et luxuria.

L. Stalworthly. and tholedmodly. to suffre wo *and* wele.

1280 seknesse *and* hele. tribulacioun *and* temptacioun.
mekly to suffre: *wher* so falle wo or wele.

and þat oure herte be not to hyȝ. for no welfare.
ne to heuy: for no euyl fare.

But styfly to stond *ȝen* our foys bodyly *and*
gostly.

1285 so þat no foly fondyng make vs to falle
ne to be fals in oure feyþ *ȝenst* almyȝty god.

[fol. 16]

But hertely in godes querel to withstonde
yn our Euyn-cristyn in al þat we may./

The seuent vertu. *and* þe laste ys **Mesure.**

1290 þat kepys vs fro vtrage and holhis vs in Euynhede.
and lettys fowl lykyng. *and* lustys of þis flesch.

and kepeþ vs in clenness of þe body *and* sowle
For mesure ys mede to vs in al þat we do.
ȝif we lyue skylfully as goddys lawe vs teches.

Septem peccata mortalia.

1295 **T**he sexte þyng. *and* þe laste to know god
almyȝty ys.

þe seuen of hed synnys. or dedly.

þat euery man ow to know to fle *and* forsake.

For noman may fle hem: but he know hem

These þey arn./ Pryde. Envyē./ Wrathē./ Glotonyē.

Couetyse. Slewþe./ and Leccherye.

P. Et dicuntur hæ quatuor *Virtutes Cardinales*, hæc est *Principales*,
quia de istis quatuor plures aliæ sunt extractæ: de quibus, quia pro
168 solis simplicibus laboramus, ad præsens amplius non tractamus.

Septem vero *Peccata mortalia* sunt, superbia, invidia, &c.

- T.** And forthi er thai cald seuen heued synnes,
 For that al othir comes of tham,
 And forthi er thai cald dedli synnes,
 455 For thai gastely sla ilk mannes saule,
 That er hanked in al or in any of tham.

Wharefore the wise man biddes in his boke,
 —Ecclesiast. xxi^o.—

Als fra the face of the neddir, fand to fle syn,
 For als the venyme of the nedder slaes mannes bodi,

- 460 Swa the venyme of syn slaes mannes saule.
¶ The first of this seven synnes is pride,
 That is, a likand heghnesse of a mannes hert
 Of office, or hegh state, or othir nobillay,
 That he outhir has of kynd or of grace,
 465 Or that he hopes that he has mare than a nothir.
 And of this syn comes mani sere spices,
 Bost, and auantyng, and unbuxumnesse,
 Despite, and ypocrisie, and unshamefulnesse,

And othir that er oft sithe sene omang proude men.

Pride
 is a lifting up of
 man's heart for
 office or position,
 or other distinc-
 tion, that he has
 by birth or favour,
 or prides himself
 on having.

Envy grieves at
 the well-doing,
 and rejoices at
 the misfortune, of
 others;

- 470 **¶ The second dedeli syn** is hatten enuy,
 That is a sorowe and a site of the welefare,
 And ioy of the yuel fare of our euen-cristen ;

Of whilk syn many spices springes *and* spredes.
 Ane is hatered to speke or here ought be spoken

hates praising
 them ;

- 475 That may sounne un-to gode to tham that we hate :
 Anothir is false iuggeyng or dome of thair dedis,

misjudges their
 actions ;

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- C.** **¶ Superbia**, radix omnium vitiorum, est amor propriæ excel-
 lentia, ex quo oriuntur jactantia, hypocrisis, schisma, et consimilia.
 215 **¶ Invidia** est dolor felicitatis, et gaudium adversitatis alienæ,
 de qua oriuntur detractio, murmuratio, perversa judicia, et similia.

- L.** Herfore þey be clepyd : þe seuen hed synnys.
 For al oþer synnys. comyþ of hem.
 1302 and þey be callyd dedly synnys.
 For þey sle gostly euery mannys sowle. þat is
 bound in ham.
 For þat synnys in On : synnys in alle.
 1305 wherfore þis man Ecclesiastes. byddys in his boke.

- As fro þe Neddyrys face fonde to fle synne./
 For as þe venym of þe neddyr : sleys mannys
 body :
 So þe venym of þe synne : sleys mannys sowle.
 The fyrste of þese synnes ys Pryde.
 1310 þat ys alykyng (*sic*) of mannys herte and heynesse
 of offeys. or of hey stat. or nobleye
 þat he has of kyn. kende. or of grace.
 or þat he wenys. he haue more þan anoþer.
 And of þis synne : cometh many sere spycys.
 1315 Bostynge. Auaunt-makyng. vnbuxumnesse.
 despit. and ypocrisy. proud schame. and fool
 drede.
 and oþer many þat regne among prowld men.
 The secunde synne ys. brennyng **Envye**
 þat is a sorwe and forþynkyng of oþerys welfare.
 1320 and ioy. and a lykyng of here evyl fare.
 wheþer þey be frendys or foyes.
 And her-of comys many spycis.
 On ys hatred to speke or here owȝt be spokyn.
 þat may sowne in-to good to hem þat þey hatyn./
 1325 Anoþer is fals Iugginge. or demynge of here dedys
 þat þey hate.

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- P.** Et est SUPERBIA amor excellentiæ propriæ : de qua oriuntur
 jactantia, ostentatio, hypocrisis, schismata, et similia.
 170 INVIDIA vero est odium felicitatis alienæ : de qua oriuntur
 detractio, verberatio, murmuratio, dissensio, perversa iudicia, et
 similia.

T. And ay *turne* until yuel that thai do to gode ;
 and backbites, The third is bacbityng, to sai behynd tham
 That we wil noght auow ne say befor tham,
 480 Whare noght anely he that spekes the yuel,
 wherein the Bot he that heres it be spoken, is for to blame,
 listener is also to blame. For war thar no herer, thar wer no bacbiter.

Anger is a stirring
 or swelling of
 heart,

that makes one
 desire to take
 vengeance.

¶ **The third dedely syn** or heued syn is wrath,
 That is, a wiked stirryng or bolnyng of hert
 485 Whare-thurgh a man wilnesse for to take wrake
 Or wickedly to venge him opon his euen-cristen,
 And of this syn comes striuyng, and flityng,
 With mony fals and mony foule wordes ;
 Sklaundir, for to fordo a mannes gode fame,
 490 Feghtyng, *and* felony *and* oft mannes slaughter,
 And many ma than now is nede to be neuened.

Gluttony.
 Eating or Drink-
 ing out of reason,
 as to

¶ **The ferthe dedeli syn** is glotony,
 That is ane unskilwise likyng, or loue,
 In taste, or in takyng of mete *and* of drynk ;
 495 And this *trespas* dos men opon sere wise.
 Ane is ouer areli or ouer late, * or ouer oft sithes
 For to ete or to drynk, bot if nede ger it ;
 Anothir is for to lyue ouer delicately ;
 The third is for to ete or drink ouer mikel ;
 500 The ferthe is ouer hastily to ete or to drynk ;
 The fift is to compas upon what wise
 We may gete deliciouse metes *and* drynkes,

[fol. 297 b]
 time,

nicety,

quantity,

haste,

or contrivance.

C. 216 ¶ **Ira** est vindictæ injustus et temerarius appetitus de quo oriuntur contentiones, dissentiones, bella, homicidia, et similia.

[*Here Acedia (C. 218-220, post, page 92) and Avaritia (C. 221-3, post, page 92) follow in the Latin of the Convocation.*]

¶ **Gula** est immoderatus edendi et bibendi appetitus et habet quinque modos.

226 ¶ **Primus** est in non debito tempore comedendo.

¶ **Secundus** nimis laute cibaria præparando.

¶ **Tertius** cum sumitur nimis in quantitate.

¶ **Quartus** cum sumitur nimia aviditate.

230 ¶ **Et quintus** est ciborum delectabilium excogitatio studiosa.

L. *and alwey to euyl: þat þey do to goode*
 ¶ *The prydde ys bakbytynge. to sey behynd a man:*
þat he wyl not sey. ne avowe be fore hym.
For nat only he þat spekys þe euyl:
 1330 *but he þat herys yt spokyn. synnyþ þer-yn.*
For were þer noon hererys: þer were noon bak-
byters

**The thryd dedly synne ys. Wrath.*

[fol. 16b]

þat is a wykkyd sterynge of boldnesse of herte.
whe-þorw; a man coueytys to make wreche
 1335 *or wykkydly venge hym on his euyne-cristyn.*
And of þis comys. stryuyng. and chydyng.
with men. fals othys. and many fowl wordys.
slaundrys. for to for-do a mannys good fame
fy3tyng and felony and ofte manslaw3ter.

1340 *and many mo þan her be rekenyd*
 ¶ *The ferthe dedly syn ys Glotony*
þat is an vnskyful lykyng or loue
in tast. or tastyng of mete or drynke.
and her-yn men trespase on many wyse.

1345 *On is to ete or drynke ouer erly or ouer late.*
Anoþer for to ete ofte or drynk but nede mak yt
Anoþer for to lyue ouer delycatly.
to ete or drynke ouer mokyl or ouer hastily.

or to kast on what wyse we may gete delycious
mete. or drynke.

P. *IRA est appetitus vindictæ et nocuenti inferendi alicui, quæ cum perseverat in corde fit odium: de quo oriuntur persecutiones*
 175 *verborum & factorum, plagæ, homicidia, et similia.*

GULA est immoderatus amor delectationis secundum gustum in cibo & in potu. In qua quintupliciter peccatur.

Primo in tempore, quando comeditur nimis mane et nimis tarde aut nimis assidue: aut in qualitate, quando quærentur cibaria opipara, seu nimis delicata: vel in quantitate, scilicet, quando
 180 *nimis comeditur aut bibitur, quod est vilissimum genus gulæ; et est nimium in cibo et potu, quod cor aggravat, et impedit sensum interiorem, aut exteriorem, seu quod lædit corporis sanitatem.*
Item in aviditate seu voracitate: et ultimo in curiosa et exquisita

T. For to fill the likyngs and lustes of the flesh,
 Othir than we may godely lede our lyve with.
 505 UNDE *VERSUS*, Prepropere, laute, nimis, ardentier,
 studiose.

Covetousness

¶ **THE fift dedely syn** is covatise, that is a urang-
 wise wilnyng

Or yernyng to hafe any kyns gode that us augh
 noght,

And this is principally done opon twyn wise :

gets, by right or
wrong,

Ane is wrangwisely to gete any thing

510 That oure likyng or oure loue lightes opon,

Als be sacrilege, or be symonie,

Stalthe, falshede, or oker, or othir gilery,

Whilk this worldis men is wont for to use,

That castes thaire conandnesse so unto couatise

515 That thai ne reck whethir it be bi right, or bi wrang,

Bot at thai mai gete that at thaire hert yhernes.

and keeps unduly
for itself.

Anothir is wrangwisely to hald that is geten ;

That is when we will noght do to god almightyen,

Ne til halikirk, ne til our euen-cristen,

520 That us augh for to do bi dett *and* by lawe,

Bot anely haldes that we have, for ese of us selven ;

Whare noght anely he that wrangwisely getes,

Bot he that wrangwisely haldes, falles in the syn.

Sloth.

¶ **THE SEXT dedely syn** is slauthe or slawnes,

C. Quæ continentur in hoc versu :

232 ¶ Præpropere, laute, nimis, ardentier, studiose.

221 ¶ **Avaritia** est immoderatus amor bonorum temporalium,
 tam illicite adquirendo, quam indebite detinendo ; ex qua oriuntur

223 fraus, furtum, sacrilegium, simonia, usura et omne turpe lucrum.

218 ¶ **Acedia** est tædium boni spiritualis, quo quis nec in Deo,

L. for to fulfille þe lykyng *and* þe lust of þe flesche/
oþer þan we may goodly lede oure lyf *with*.

1352 ¶ The fyfte dedly synne ys Couetyse. þat is a
wrongwys ʒernynge.
to haue ony maner good þat vs owyþ not.

and þis is pryncipaly don: on two wyses.

1355 On is wrongfully to gete ony þyng
þat oure lykyng or oure lust: lustys vp-on.
as be Sacrilege or Symony.

Stelyng. Falshed. or Okyr. or oþer gylery.
þe whyche. þese wordly men be wonþ to vse.

1360 þat kastyn here lykyng so to couetyse:
þat þey rekke not wheþer it be *with* ryȝt or *with*
wrong.

So þat þey may gete: þat here herte desirys
Anoþer is. wrongfully to holde.

þat is whan we wil not do to god almyȝty.

1365 ne to holy chirche. ne to oure euyng-cristyn:
þat vs owe to do be dette. and be lawe.
But only holde þat we haue to oure owne ese.
Not only we synne in Couetyse but also in slewþe.
and not only he þat wrongfully getys

1370 but also he þat wrongfully holdys / fallys in þat
synne

¶ The .vi. ys. accidy./ þat is slownesse.
whan a man schuld do a good dede

P. alimentorum præparatione pro gulæ deliciis excitandis, quæ
quinque continentur in hoc versu :

Præpropere, laute, niuis, ardentem, studiose.

AVARITIA est immoderatus amor habendi, mobilia vel immo-
bilia affluentiae illicite acquirendo, vel illicite retinendo: ex qua
190 oriuntur fraus, furtum, sacrilegium, et omne turpe lucrum, et
similia.

ACEDIA est tædium boni spiritualis, ex quo homo nec in Deo,

Repugnance to
spiritual work.

T. That is ane hertly anger or anoye til us

526 Of any gastely gode that we sal do,

And of this syn comes sum sere spesces ;

Delay.

Ane is latsumnesse or lite to draw opon lenthe

Any gode dede that we sal do,

530 That mai turne us til help or hele of our saules.

Dulness.

Anothir is a dulnesse or heuynesse of hert

That lettes us for to luf our lord god almighten,

Or any likyng to haue in his *seruice*.

Idleness.

The third is yde[l]ship that ouer mikel is haunted,

535 That makes men lathe to begyn any godededis,

And lightly dos us to leue when ought is begunnen,

And thar ar we er kyndely borne for to swink

Als the foughel is kindly born for to flegh,

Job. v^{to}. ca^o.

It haldes us euermare in ese ogaynes our kynd,

540 For idelnesse is enmy to *cristen* man saule

Stepmodir *and* stameryngⁱ ogayne gode thewes,

And witter wissyng *and* wai till alkyns vices.

Lechery.

¶ The seuent dedely syn is lecheri,

That is a foule likyng or lust of the flesch ;

545 And of this syn comes many sere spices.

Fornication.

Ane is fornication, a fleshly syn

Betwix ane aynlepi man, and ane aynlepi woman,

That forthi that it is ogaynes the lawe

And the leue, *and* the lare that hali kirk haldes,

550 It is dedely syn to tham that dos it.

Adultery.

¶ An other is auoutry, that is spousebrek,

Whether it be bodily or it be gastely,

C. vel ejus laudibus, aut bonorum operum exercitio delectatur ; et
220 ex hoc sequitur tristitia, negligentia, otium et similia.

233 ¶ Peccatum vero luxuriæ est his temporibus nimis notum,

L. *hastly and with good wil. for þe loue of god.
drawith yt on lengthe and heuy is þer-with*
1375 *and ys hertles in eny gostly good þat he schuld do.
and of þis syn. comys many sere spycis.*

*On is latsumnesse or delyt to draw on lenthe
ony maner good dede þat we schuld do
þat may turne vs to helpe of oure sowlys*

1380 ¶ *Anoþer is ydilnesse *or heuynesse of herte*

[fol. 17]

hinders

*þat lettyþ vs for to loue our lord god almyzty :
or eny lykyng to haue in his seruyse.*

*Anoþer ys coldnesse of herte and ydylschip þat
ouer mekyl is vsyd*

þat maketh vs loþ to be-gyn ony good dede.

1385 *and lyztly maketh vs to leue of whan eny is be-
gunne.*

and þefore we be kendly born to swynke :

as þe foul is born to fle kendly.

hyt holdys vs euermore in ese passyng kende.

For ydylnesse is enmy to mannys sowle.

1390 *stoppyng and staunchyng grace and good thewys.
and hit is witte wyssyng and wey to al maner
synnes. and vices.*

¶ *The vij. dedly synne and þe laste ys leccherye
þat is styntyng lykyng or lust of þe flesche.
and of þis syn comyþ many sere spieys.*

1395 *On is fornicacioun of fleschly synne
be-twene a sengyl man and a sengyl womman
and for þat is gayn þe law.
and leue and þe lore / þat holy chirche holdis :
yt is dedly synne to hem þat doþ yt.*

1400 *Anoþer is avowtri. þat ys spowse-brekyng
wheþer it be bodyly or gostly.*

P. *nec in Divinis laudibus delectatur : ex qua sequuntur ignorantia,
pusillanimitas, desperatio, et similia.*

195 *LUXURIAM vero non oportet notificare, cujus infamia*

T. That greuouser *and* gretter is than that othir.
 Incest, The third is incest, that is when a man synnes
 555 Fleshly with any of his sib frend,
 Or any othir that is of his affinite,
 Gastely or bodili, whethir so it be.
 and many other kinds, Othir spices many ma springes of this syn,
 That ouer mikel er knawen and kennd in the werld,
 560 With tham that ledis thair lifs als thaire flesch
 yhernes.

These are the six
 things taught by
 the Church,
 that all are bound
 to know.

¶ **This er the sex thinges** that I have spoken of,
 That the lawe of halikirk lies mast in
 That ye er al halden to knawe, *and* to kun,
 If ye sal knawe god almighten, and *cum* un-to his
 blisse :

C. ut incestus, adulterium, fornicatio et ideo non oportet exponere
 ejus fœditatem.
 236 ¶ Quamobrem vobis injungimus et mandamus, quatenus præ-
 missa omnia et singula, tam clero, quam populo vestræ juris-
 dictionis intimetis seu publicetis publicarive seu intimari faciatis,
 240 rectoribus, vicariis, presbyteris et aliis curatis quibuscunque juris-
 dictionis prædictæ, in virtute obedientiæ, ex parte nostra firmiter
 injungentes, quod ipsi et eorum quilibet, habitis præmissorum
 veris copiis infra mensem, præmissa parochianis suis publice præ-
 dicant, eosque super articulis memoratis instruant, exquisite sin-
 245 gulis quadragesimis a dictis parochianis suis in confessionibus
 audiendis an hæc sic addicerint et parvulos suos instruxerint
 inquirendo, pœnitentiam non parentibus imponendo, et eam post-
 modum ut præmittitur aggravando ; laicos vero jurisdictionis præ-
 dictæ per vos moneri volumus et induci quod ipsi, et eorum
 quilibet, præmissa per curatos suos sibi exposita devotione filiali
 250 benigne audiant et addiscant, parvulosque suos, ut præmittitur,
 erudiant, seu per alios faciant erudiri, sicut indignationem divinam
 et inobedientiæ reatum voluerint evitare. Et ut mentes fidelium
 ad id propensius excitemus, Nos de omnipotentis Dei misericordia,

L. wel greuouser yt is *and* gretter þan þe oþer./
 The bridde is Incest. þat is whan a man synnyþ
 fleschly *with* ony of hys kyn. or ony oþer þat is
 of his affynyte

1405 gostly or bodyly whedyr so yt be.

Oþer spycis many may spryng of þat synne.
 þat ouer mekyl ys customyd. *and* know in þis
 world
 with hem þat lede here lyf as here flesch wyl.

And al þe grettyst synne is in prestis þat leccherye
 vsyn. The worst kind is
when priests
practise this sin,

1410 for it passyþ þat oþer in despit þat is do to god.

And euer gretter *and* gretter as þei be of degre. and all the more
in proportion to
their rank and
the condition of
the other party.
and þe stat of þe oþer party þat þey syn *with*.

These be þe sexe thyngys þat y haue spokyn of
 þat þe law of holy chirche lys most yn.

1415 þat þey be holde to know *and* to kunne :

yf þey schal knowe god almyȝty *and* come to þe
 blysse of heuyn.

P. 196 aërem inficit universum.

As an encourage-
ment to learn
them,

the Archbishop
grants forty days'
indulgence;

for by knowing
these things men
learn to know God,

whom to know is
life eternal.

T. And for to gif yhou better will for to kun tham,

566 Our fadir the ercebisshop grauntes of his *grace*
Fourti daies of *pardon* til al that kunnes tham,
Or dos thair gode diligence for to kun tham,
And ratifiés als-so that othir men gifes,

570 So mikel couaites he the hele of yhour saules,
For if ye kunnandly know this ilk sex thinges
Thurgh thaim sal ye kun knawe god almightyen,
Wham, als saint Iohn saies in his godspel,
Conandly for to knawe swilk als he is,

575 It is endeles life *and* lastand blisse,

To whilk blisse he bring us[, *that bought us*]. amen.

C. gloriosæ Virginis Mariæ matris ejus, beatorum Apostolorum Petri
et Pauli, gloriosissimi Confessoris Willelmi meritis et precibus
256 confidentes, omnibus subditis nostris infra nostras civitatem, diœ-
cesim, et provinciam constitutis, et aliis, quorum diœcesani hanc
nostram indulgentiam ratam habuerint, de peccatis suis vere con-
fessis pœnitentibus et contritis, qui præmissa in prædicando, do-
260 cendo, audiendo et erudiendo devote servaverint et adimpleverint,
quadraginta dies indulgentiæ misericorditer duximus concedendos.

Data apud Cawode xxv^{to}. die mensis Novembris anno Domini
millesimo ccc^{mo}. lvij^o.

Nostræ tamen intentionis non existit aliquibus personis ad
265 prædicandum indultis per præsentis in aliquo præjudicare.

L. And for [*to*] ȝeue ȝow þe better wyl for to cunne ham.

Our Fadyr þe archiepischoþ grauntys of hys grace.
forty dayes of **Pardoun**. to alle þat cunne hem

1420 *and* rehereys hem. *and* tellys hem to oþer.

and confirmys al þe pardoun þat oþer men ȝeuis to.

So moche coueytyþ he? þe hele of oure sowlys.

For yf ȝe cunnyngly knowe þese sexe thyngys;

þorwȝ hem ȝe schult knowe god almyȝty.

1425 **And** as seynt **Ion** seyþ in hys gospel.

Kunnyngly to know god almyȝty?

ys endles lyf. *and* lastynge blysse.

He bryngge vs þerto. þat bowȝt vs

With hys herte blod on þe cros Crist **Iesu**. **Amen.**//

NOTES AND ILLUSTRATIONS.

Page 1, **T.** 1—3. The scribe who entered this document in the Archbishop's official register here left a space for a three-line capital A. These initial letters were added to the manuscript by the turners or flourishers; as they continued to be in the case of printed books as late as the last years of the fifteenth century.¹

p. 1, **T.** 1. *gret clerk*—Peter Lombard, so called from having been born at Lumello, a village near Novara in Lombardy. He rose to the head of the divinity school of Paris, and eventually became bishop of the see in 1159, dying in the following year. He was known as the "Master of the Sentences"; and his work here quoted, the *Libri quatuor Sententiarum*, was accepted by the school-men of all opinions as their text-book of theology until the appearance of the *Summa* of Aquinas, some two hundred years later.

p. 1, **T.** 3—10. The place from the *Sentences* is as follows:—"Creatum ergo rerum creatarum cœlestium, terrestrium, visibilium vel invisibilium causam non esse nisi bonitatem creatoris, qui est Deus unus et verus. Cujus tanta est bonitas, ut summi boni beatitudinis suæ, qua æternaliter beatus est, alios velit esse participes, quam videt et communicari posse, et minui omnino non posse."—*Senten.* II. i. 3.

p. 1, **T.** 10—14. "Et quia non valet ejus beatitudinis particeps existere aliquis nisi per intelligentiam, quæ quanto magis intelligitur, tanto plenius habetur, fecit Deus rationabilem creaturam quæ summum bonum intelligeret, et intelligendo amaret, et amando possideret, ac possidendo frueretur. Eamque hoc modo distinxit, ut pars in sua puritate permaneret, nec corpori uniretur, scilicet, angeli; pars corpori jungeretur, scilicet, animæ. Distincta est utique rationalis creatura in incorpoream et corpoream; et incorporea quidem angelus, corporea vero homo vocatur, ex anima rationali et carne subsistens."—*Senten.* II. i. 4.

We may compare with these opening lines the similar beginning of Calvin's Catechism (in French 1536, Lat. 1538). Canon Simmons remarks that Calvin appears to have been quite unconscious that he is quoting the Master of the Sentences. In this he is not followed by the larger and smaller Catechisms of the Westminster Divines.

p. 4, **C.** 5. *Ex nostra*. Cf. the instructions given by Adrian VI. to his legate to the Diet of Nuremberg: Mosheim, II. 401 n.

¹ The Company of Scriveners of the city of York included Text-writers; Limners (who painted the miniatures and did the gilding); Notours, who inserted the musical notes; and Turners and Flourishers, who did the initial and capital letters, and the illuminated borders. Canon Simmons has an interesting note in his *Lay Folks' Mass-Book*, p. 401, in which he gives a covenant for a service-book from the acts of the Chapter of York, showing that the size of these initial letters was a matter of definite stipulation. The entry of this covenant is dated the 26th August, 1346.

p. 5, L. 46. The insertion of "other" in L. is not without significance. It brings out the fact that the benefited clergy were also priest, and were therefore bound to discharge the priest's duty of teaching.

[Canon Simmons seems to have regarded "priests" as meaning only "parish priests" (curates as we should now call them) put in charge by the appropriators of the tithe. I think the Wyclifite insertion is intended rather to insist on the universal obligation to teach, which lies on all priests, even unbeneficed, as a result of their ordination; and condemns especially the Mass-priests, who were contented to earn a living by "a chaunterie for soules" or the like.]

p. 5, L. 47-8. This farther dwelling upon teaching is characteristic of Wyclif, who sets preaching above all other duties of a priest. "As prestis have a state hyest of alle oþer, so God askes of hom more parfit service; and ydelnesse in prestis is most dampnable. þo moste hye servise þat men have in erthe is to preche Gods worde, þat falles unto priestis."¹ "Ffor (holy Chirche) is most worshipped by prechyng of Gods worde, and so þis is þo most servise þat prestis schulden do to God."²

Compare also *Festyn.* clviii.:—"The whiche we that have the cure of soules be bounde for to teche our parysshens upon payne of eternall dampnatyon oure soules."

[The Wyclifite tendency remarked in the last note is more strongly shown in the omission of the words "that god almighten save." This omission is no doubt due to Wyclif's strong objection to all special prayers. One of the propositions condemned at the earthquake council of 1382 is (XIX): "Quod speciales oraciones applicatae unae personae per praelatos vel religiosos non plus prosunt eidem personae quam generales oraciones ceteris paribus eidem."—*F. Z.*, 281.]

This view was maintained by the later Lollards, as may be seen in Pecock's *Repressor*, Part V. chap. xv.]

p. 6, T. 49. *opon sononndaies*. The rule as given in the *Pupilla Oculi*³ is, that every priest having cure of souls should once each quarter, on one or more holidays, either by himself or some other, set forth the points of doctrine, as specified in Peckham's *Constitution* (p. 18—22).

p. 6, C. 14. Cf. Aquinas: "rationes subtiles rudi exemplo."—Göbl. 285.

p. 7, L. 57. Here "preche" is put first, while it comes second in T.

p. 7—11, L. 59—161. This treatise on the Pater Noster is contained in three other manuscripts, viz. Bodl. 789 (which also contains Archbishop Thoresby's "Sixe thingis,"—T. 52, &c.), Trin. Coll. Dub. c. v. 6, and Harl. 2385. Mr. Arnold gives the authority of Bale for ascribing it to Wyclif; and it is followed in all four MSS. by the tract, *Super Salutatione Angelica*, or on the Ave Maria, which bears in the Harleian Text the name of W. (III. 93).—H. E. N.

p. 7—18, L. 59—73. The substance of this passage is contained in a treatise given by Mr. Arnold (*Sel. Eng. Works Wycl.*, III, pp. 99, 100), to which he has prefixed the following note:—"The only ground for ascribing this treatise to Wyclif, besides internal evidence, is the fact of its being found in a volume of W.'s sermons at Wrest Park. The style much resembles, I think, that of W. He goes on to express his opinion, that if by W., this treatise is, compared with most of his English works, of early date, composed after he had sent out the 'poor priests,' but before persecution had commenced."

¹ *S. E. W.*, III. 143. ² *Ib.* 144. See also *W. E. W.*, 183-1. ³ P. X, c. 1.

Canon Simmons has a marginal note here to the effect that the passage in the treatise given by Mr. Arnold is rather founded on our text than copied from it: and that its tone is more denunciatory, showing its date to be later.—H. E. N.

p. 7, L. 61. *passys oper prayers*. Compare the *Speculum Ecclesie* of St. Edmund of Canterbury, 1247.

"Ista oratio superat et excellit omnem aliam orationem, in dignitate et utilitate. In dignitate, quia ipsemet Deus ipsam composuit et fecit; et ideo facit magnum dedecus et magnam irreverentiam Iesu Christo Dei filio, qui sibi accipit verba rithmitica et curiosa, dimittitque et relinquit orationem quam ipsemet composuit qui scit totam voluntatem Dei Patris et qualis oratio maxime sibi placet, et pro quibus nos miseri maxime indigemus deprecari. Nam sicut prius dixi, ille solus totam scit Dei Patris voluntatem, totam nostram necessitatem. Igitur centum millia hominum decipiuntur per multiplicationem orationum. Cum enim putant se habere devotionem, habent unam vilem et carnalium affectionem, quia omnis carnalis animus naturaliter delectatur in tali loquela curiosa."¹

[The whole of this passage (59—161) on the Pater Noster is undoubtedly Wyclif's, and is printed in *S. E. W.*, I. 93. That text, taken from a MS. in the Bodleian, differs very slightly from ours, but it has in addition a peroration in praise of the Lord's prayer.]

p. 8, L. 78. Theologians allow as an axiom, that the external operations of the Holy Trinity are common to the Three Persons, but the use of "Trinity," where "God" would have been more usual, is characteristic of Wyclif. We may notice other instances in our manuscript:

"Our sowle was mad to lyknesse of þe trinite," L. 86.

So, too, in l. 104, where he is speaking of the petitions of the Lord's Prayer addressed to our Father:

"And þese thre askyngys arn to þe holy Trinite."

Other examples may be quoted from Wyclif's Latin works:

"Non credo quod Christus tam perfecte servivit Trinitati pro tempore sue viacionis sicut post resurrectionem." *De Statu Innocentie*, cap. II.

"Est unus verus et summus dominus in celis residens, qui est trinitas increata." *De Contrarietate duorum Dominorum*, *Polemical Works* (Buddensieg), p. 698.

I add an example of the use of "Trinity" in the next century, from the will of Roger Flore or Flower, 1424, "And I pray to þe blessed Trinite that of his endless mercye and goodnesse he sende my children grace to be gode men and wommen, and to zelde him gode soules þorough þe helpe and praier of our lady seint Marye and of all þe seyntes of heune." Furnivall, *Earliest English Wills*, 59.

[Canon Simmons did not notice that Roger Flore heads his will "Ego, Rogerus Flore, miser et indignus," which is a common form with Lollards. Cf. the will of Thomas Broke in the same Collection, p. 27: "In the name of the Lorde of all Lordes, the almyghty ymmortal Trinite, I, wrechyd Synner, Thomas Broke," &c.]

p. 8, L. 87. *was prentyd peryn*. This might seem at first sight to have a modern look, and to be later than the date I have assumed for these interpolations; but I find the same metaphor elsewhere—at least in French—a century earlier:

"A fin que il peut (*pût*) la creinte et celle meisme terreur imprimer

¹ S. Edmundi Cantuarensis Archiepiscopi *Speculum Ecclesie*. Ed. De la Bigne, Paris, 1589. Tom. v, col. 1440.

aus Latins par laquelle il avoit opprimé les courages des siens." Bercheure (XIV. cent.), in his translation of Livy, as quoted by Littré, *s. v.* Imprimer. Littré here remarks that the form *imprimer* is comparatively modern: the older was *empreindre*, from which our English *print* and *print* were no doubt taken.

The word occurs in Wyclif's unquestioned works:—"On two maneris, may a man kepe Goddis word; first to printe þe witt in his soule, and after to reule his liif þerby."—*S. E. W.*, I. 380.

The *Promptorium* has Inprentyd, Inprentyng, &c. (p. 262); and, though the *Speculum* of Koster was printed in 1438, it is hardly probable that the recent invention can have been known to a recluse friar, preacher at Bishop's Lynn, as the author describes himself in his Preambulum in the year 1440, which he there gives as the date.

p. 9, L. 95. [This description of the Church as made up of the saved agrees with Wyclif's definition, "Congregacio omnium predestinatorum," *De Ecclesia*, p. 2.]

p. 9, L. 100—103. There is a passage in Wyclif's *De Sermone Domini in Monte*,¹ which is very similar to these lines as to reflex benefit of prayer, where what is prayed for must necessarily take place: "Videtur . . . quod iste sanctus (*Augustinus*) concedit, ut sæpe alias, quod omnia quæ evenient de necessitate evenient, et sic non foret orandum a viatoribus nisi de quanto oratio ipsos faceret disposiciores (*sic*) ut suscipiant lumen Dei."—Part II, 7. MS. Trin. Coll. Camb., fol. 382.

p. 9, L. 110. "Panis quotidianus aut pro iis omnibus dictus est, quæ hujus vitæ necessitatem sustentant, de quo cum præciperet, ait, Nolite cogitare de crastino; ut ideo sit additum, Da nobis hodie: aut pro sacramento Corporis Christi, quod quotidie accipimus: aut pro spiritali cibo, de quo idem Dominus dicit, Operamini escam quæ non corrumpitur." *S. Aug. de Serm. Dom. in Monte*, lib. II., cap. 7.—H. E. N.

p. 10, L. 129. *he knyttys to a condicioun.* Above L. 113 we have, "to feed with our souls." In *Piers the Plowman* we have a similar construction: "And send ous contricion to clanse with *oure soules*." C. XVII, 25.

Cf. our "to lay by money," "to cut off a piece," "give back money."

p. 11, L. 144. [Compare the following extract from Wyclif's tract on Confession:

"Continuaunce of mannes synne wiþouten sorowe and displeaunce wole make his synne harde, & bereue him power to sorowe perfore & to gete mercy, and þus men shulden euer drede synne and flee to knytt on to anoper; for when a man synkis in þe myre, at the laste he may not helpe hym self."—*English Works of Wyclif*, p. 339.]

p. 11, L. 156. "Solum peccatum finalis impenitentiae (quod est peccatum in Spiritum Sanctum) proprie est mortale."—Wyclif, *Dialogus*, III. 5 (p. 145).

"þat man synneþ agenst þe Holy Gost, þat to his lyves end is rebelle agenst God."—Wyclif, *Arnold*, 3, 109.

p. 11, L. 161. The other three texts (see note *supra* on L. 59—161) add the following, which I transcribe, with notes, from Mr. Arnold (III. 96, 7):—

"In þe eende of þe Pater Noster, AMEN is the signet of þe Lordis praier, whiche word þe Ebru translatoure, Aquyla,² interpretid, 'and þe

¹ Now printed by Wyclif Soc., *Opus Evangelicum*, ed. J. Loserth, p. 285.

² Aquila, concerning whose life all that we know is derived from the work of St. Epiphanius *de Ponderibus et Mensuris*, was a native of Sinope, who

Lord confermede.' Ciprian¹ on þe Pater Noster seiþ, whatevere opir wordis þe desire of him þat praieþ fourmeþ in bifore-goynge, þat it be cleer, opir addiþ afterwarde, þat it encreesce, we seiþ noon opir þinge þan þat is conteyned in þe praier of þis Lord, ȝif we praien riȝtli and covenabli. For whanne a man seiþ, Lord, be þou glorified in alle folkis as þou ert glorified in us, what opir þing seiþ he þan þat, þi name be halwid? And whanne a man seiþ, Lord, schewe þi face to us, and we schulle be saaf, what opir þing seiþ he þan þat, þi rewme come? Whanne a man seiþ, Lord, dresse my steppis up þi spechis, what opir þing seiþ he þan, þi wille be doun? Whanne a man seiþ, Lord, ȝif not povert ne richessis to me, what opir þing seiþ he þan þis, ȝif us to-day oure eche daies breed? Whanne a man seiþ, Lord, have mynde of David and of al his myldnesse, and, ȝif I have ȝolden yvelis to hem þat ȝolden yvelis to me, falle I voyde fro myn enemyes, what opir þing seiþ he þan þis, Forȝive to us oure dettis, as we forȝyven to oure dettours? Whanne a man seiþ, Lord, do away fro me þe coveitise of þe wombe, what opir þing seiþ he þan þis, Leed us not into temptacioun? Whanne a man seiþ, My God, delyvere me fro myn enemyes, what opir þing seiþ he þan þis, Delyvere us from yvel? And ȝif þou rennest aboute bi alle þe wordis of holy praiers, þou schalt fynde noþing whiche is not conteyned in þis praier of þe Lord. Whoever seiþ a þing þat may not perteyne to þis prayer of þe gospel, he praieþ bodili and unjustli and unleeffulli, as me þenkþ. Whanne a man saieþ in his praier, Lord, multiplie myn richesses, and encreese myn honouris, and seiþ þis, havynge þe coveitise of hem, and not purposynge þe profit of hem to men, to be bettir to Godward, I gesse þat he may not fynde it in þe Lordis praier. Perfore be it schame to aske þo þingis, whiche is not leefful to coveyte. If a man schameþ not of þis, but coveytise overcomeþ him, þis is askid, þat he delyvere fro þis yvel of coveytise, to whom he seyn, Delyvere us from yvel.

HERE ENDIP þE PATER NOSTER."

H. E. N.

p. 11, L. 161. The doxology (Mat. vi. 13) is not in the Vulgate. It is not in the Catechism, and was not introduced into the Prayer-book until 1661, and then probably because it was in the Authorized Version. It is omitted in the Revision of 1881.

"In those first days
When Luther was profest, he did desire
Short Paternosters, saying as a fryar
Each day his beads; but having left those laws,
Adds to Christ's prayer the power and glory clause."

Donne, *Satire II.*

"The doxology is, no doubt, an addition to the original text. It is not in B, D, Z, L₂, nor in Cod. Sinait., nor in Vulg., nor Coptic. It is rejected

became first a Christian and then a Jew, and, to please his new co-religionists, made an exceedingly literal translation of the scriptures of the Old Testament from Hebrew into Greek, about the end of the first century of our era. Of this version unfortunately only some fragments exist. See the article "Aquila" in the *Biographie Générale*.

¹ There are no expressions in St. Cyprian's treatise, *De Oratione Dominica*, as found in modern editions, which exactly correspond to those quoted in the text.—Since writing the above, I have found the passage quoted in the text in one of St. Augustine's Letters; *Epist. CXXX.*, cap. 12. "Quæ libet alia verba dicamus, quæ affectus orantis vel præcedendo format ut clareat, vel consequendo attendit ut crescat, nihil aliud dicimus quam quod in ista Dominica Oratione positum est, si recte et congruenter oramus."

by Griesbach (who says of it, 'certissime delenda'), Scholz, Lachmann, Tischendorf, Alford, and even Wordsworth. The Romanists charge the Protestants with having corrupted the Lord's Prayer. But the Doxology had been brought in long before the Reformation. It is found in E, G, K, L, M, S, U, V and Δ. From 2 Tim. iv. 18, its liturgical use would seem to have begun even then. The charge made by Dean Donne against Luther is peculiarly unfortunate, for Luther does not mention the Doxology in his Catechism (Wetstein on St. Mat. VI. 14).—H. E. N.

p. 11, L. 162. Saying the Ave Maria is directed in l. 629. [This is quite in accordance with Wyclif's declaration "videtur mihi quod impossibile est nos premiari sine Marie suffragio." Sermon No. 26, MS. Lambeth 23.] Printed (*W. S.*), *Sermones*, ed. J. Loserth, IV. 391.

p. 11—14, L. 162—222. *Ave Maria*. This passage seems to have been disseminated in a separate form by Wyclif, and it is given almost verbatim by Arnold (*Sel. Eng. Works Wyc.*, III. 111), with the following note prefixed:—

"This tract is mentioned by Bale, under the title 'Super Salutatione Angelica.' It also, as has been already mentioned, bears the name of Wyclif at the end, in the Harleian MS. 2385. If written by the reformer, which seems to me very probable, it must have been an early composition. The language used respecting indulgences is less trenchant than that which he was accustomed to use in his later years, and the general tone of the composition milder. This tract is found along with that on the Pater Noster, No. III, in all the MSS. which contain the latter."

H. E. N.

p. 12, L. 169. In Bodl. 789, and other MSS., this line runs:—"And so many men foliI truste to suche praier"; Mr. Arnold adopts this reading, and remarks that the one in our text (from Lamb. 408) "completely alters the sense."—H. E. N.

p. 12, L. 175. "No man mai come to blis but ȝif he heere and kepe Goddis word; . . . ne oure Ladi myȝte not come to blisse, but ȝif she had herd and kepte his word. And herfore God ordeynede hir to be maistresse to his apostlis, for she fel not fro þe feiþ, ne fro þe wordis of hir sone, but kepte hem wel in her herte, and caste wel what þei menten. And herfor it is no wondur ȝif she be more blessid þan oþer."—*S. E. W.*, I, 380.

p. 12, L. 176. *cloutyd*, patched, pieced. A.S. *clut*, a clout. "And no man putteth a clout of buysteous clothe in to an elde clothing" (Wycl.) St. Matt. ix. 16. "a patche," St. Mark, ii. 21. "I had nede go cloute my shoes: *J'ai bien mestier de faire carreler mes souliers.*"—Pals. 488.

In the Bodleian MS., printed by Mr. Arnold (*S. E. W.*, III. 111), we have *encresid*; but the *clouted* of our text accords very well with the spirit of lines 204—221, where Wyclif returns to the subject, and also with the disparaging use which he elsewhere makes of the word.—"þei (*þes newe ordris*) done sumwhat þat is good, and many þingis amys; and so stondiþ þer cloutid reule, boþe in good and yvel."—*S. E. W.*, I. 302. "It seemeþ to many men þat alle þes newe ordris ben rotyn postumes, and tatered cloutis For alle þes ordris ben cloutid by Cristis religioun wiþouten his autorite, and departid among hem self."—*Id.* 400.

p. 12, L. 183. *þis fyl longe* [*after*]. "After" is in all the other MSS. For "fyl," the Bodleian 789 reads "ful" (*S. E. W.*, III. 112), the Dublin C. v. 6, "fel."

p. 12, L. 184. *ave reuersys þe name of Eua*. Cf. *Myroure of oure*

Ladye, p. 77, and Wyclif, *Sel. Eng. Works*, III., p. 112. (Cf. also *Adam de Sto. Victore* [Seq. XLV., *Annunciatio Beatæ Mariæ Virginis*]:—

“Missus Gabriel de coelis
Verbi bajulus fidelis,
Sacris disserit loquelis
Cum beata Virgine;

Verbum bonum et suave
Paudit intus in conclave
Et ex *Eva* format *Ave*,
Eva verso nomine.”

H. E. N.)

p. 12, L. 185—7. *Oure lady contraryyd Eue* . . . Cf. *Iren. adv. Hæc.*, v. 19. “Manifeste itaque in sua propria venientem Dominum, et sua propria eum bajulante conditione, quæ bajulatur ab ipso, et recapitulationem ejus quæ in ligno fuit inobedientiæ, per eam quæ in ligno est obedientiam, facientem, et seductione illa soluta, qua seducta est male illa, quæ jam viro destinata erat virgo Eva, per veritatem evangelisata est bene ab angelo jam sub viro Virgo Maria. Quemadmodum enim illa per angelicum sermonem seducta est, ut effugeret Deum prævaricata verbum ejus, ita et hæc per angelicum sermonem evangelisata est, ut portaret Deum obediens ejus verbo. Et si ea inobediret Deo, sed et hæc suasa est obedire Deo, uti virginis Evæ virgo Maria fieret advocata. Et quemadmodum adstrictum est morti genus humanum per virginem, salvatur per virginem: æqua lance disposita virginalis inobedientia per virginalem obedientiam.”

Also *Justin Mart. Dial.*, p. 327: “Καὶ διὰ τῆς παρθένου ἀνθρωπος γεγενῆσθαι, ἵνα καὶ δι’ ἧς ὁδοῦ ἡ ἀπὸ τοῦ ὄψεως παρακοὴ τὴν ἀρχὴν ἔλαβε, διὰ ταύτης τῆς ὁδοῦ καὶ κατάλυσιν λάβῃ. παρθένος γὰρ οὕσα εἶδα καὶ ἀφθορος τὸν λόγον, τὸν ἀπὸ τοῦ ὄψεως συλλαβοῦσα, παρακοὴν καὶ θάνατον ἔτεκε. πίστιν δὲ καὶ χαρὰν λαβοῦσα Μαρία ἡ παρθένος, ἐναγγελιζομένην αὐτῇ Γαβριὴλ ἀγγέλου . . . ἀπεκρίνατο. γένοιτό μοι κατὰ τὸ ῥῆμά σου.”

And *Tertull. De Carn. Chr.* 17: “Crediderat Eva serpenti, credidit Maria Gabrieli; quod illa credendo deliquit, hæc credendo delevit.”

Substituting our Lord for the B. V. M., the same thought is contained in a curious inscription over the door of the little church of St. Théodule, at Champéry, Valais, which I copied in 1875:

“Quod an tris mulce pa
guis ti dine vit
Hoc san Chris dulce la.”

Cf. also Wyclif:—“Ave Maria,” (*Matthew's Eng. Works of W.*, p. 207).—“Bi þat womman Eue cam sorowe, peyne & woo to mankynde, for sche trusted not sadly to goddis word, but trusted to þe fendis gabbynge & coueited ouermochē kunnyngē & dingnyte; but by sad bileue & mekenesse & charite of marie cam joie & saluacion to mankynde, for her bi sche conseyuēde crist.”—H. E. N.

Cf. *Adam de Sto. Victore* (Seq. VI., “Nativitas Domini”:—

“Eva prius interemit,
Sed Salvator nos redemit
Carnis suæ merito.

Prima parens nobis luctum,
Sed Maria vitæ fructum
Protulit cum gaudio.”

See also the same, xci. 1, and xcii. 43.

“Nothing is more common in liturgical poetry than the comparison of Eve with Mary—‘The New Eve.’” Gautier.—H. E. N.

p. 13, L. 192. *stronde*. We find this contrast between the well, or source of grace, and the stream supplied by it in Wyclif's Sermons:—“And herfore seiþ Poul aftir, þat þere ben divisions of grace, but certis it is þe same spirit, of whom comen al þes graces, as of o welle comen many strondis.”—*S. E. W.*, II. 338.

p. 13, L. 195, 6. Cf. 1 Tim. iv. 10:—“The living God, Who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.”—H. E. N.

p. 13, L. 195. *god ys with alle creaturis, &c.* So in tract on the Ave Maria:—

“God þe trinyte is wiþ eche creature bi myȝt, wisdom & goodnesse to kepe it, for ellis it schulde turne to noȝt; but god is wiþ goode men of vertuous lif bi grace to approve and accepte here doyingis.”—*Eng. Works of Wyclif*, p. 208.

p. 13, L. 204. *hard to men to grounde hem leue to adde þis.*

Other additions were made before the sixteenth century, but they were scrupled at, as we see in the *Myroure*, not however as by Wyclif, because an addition to the words of Holy Scripture, but because an addition to the set use of the Church.

The addition of the word Jesus was, however, adopted at Syon:—

“Iesu, that ys to say Sauyoure. For he hathe saued vs fro synne and from helle, he sauethe vs dayly from the malyce of the fende, and from perylles, and he hath opened to vs the way of endelesse saluacion therfore endelesly be that swete fruyte blessed. Amen. So be yt. Some saye at the begynnyng of this salutacyon. Aue benigne Iesu, and some saye after. Maria, mater dei, wyth other addycions at the ende also. And suche thynges may be sayde when folke saye theyr Aues of theyr owne deuocyon. But in the seruyce of the chyrche. I trowe yt be moste sewer, and moste medefull to obey to the comon vse of saynge, as the chyrche hathe set, without all suche addicions.”¹

p. 13, L. 207. *þe pope gefes gret pardoun to men þat addys þese wordys.* “Ferdermore as for the salutacyon of our lady pope Urban and pope Iohan to all beyng in clene lyfe that in the ende of the . Aue maria) saye / . Ihesus amen) as ofte as they saye it they haue graunted of pardon . lxxxiiii . dayes / and as ofte as thou sayst oure ladyes psalter / so ofte thou hast of pardon . xxxiiii . yere and xxx . wekes.”²

Similar Indulgences have been granted for saying the rosary, or a part of it, subject to various conditions, by different popes between that time and the present. Pope Pius IX., by a decree, dated the 9th May, 1851, granted indulgence of ten years and ten quarantaines (*forty days*) once in each day, to the faithful who, having at least a contrite heart, recite together the third part of the rosary, either in their houses, or at church, or in a public or private oratory. To those who are accustomed to recite a third part of the rosary, at least three times a week, he granted plenary indulgence the last Sunday of each month, provided that, being truly repentant, they confess and communicate, and visit a church or a public oratory, and there pray for some time with the intention of his Holiness. He declared all the above indulgences to be applicable to souls in purgatory.³

p. 14, L. 218. *generaly*, here used in its proper sense—to all.

The same argument is used in a question asked by *Jacke Upland* (A.D. 1401) of the friars in reference to their letters of fraternity:—

“If your letters be good,
why grant ye them not generally
to all manner of men,
for the more charitie?”—*Political Poems*, II. 21.

¹ *Myroure of our Ladye*, ed. Blunt, E. E. T. S., p. 79. As to the modern addition of a direct prayer to the Blessed Virgin, see Mabillon, *Prefat. in Acta Sanctorum Ord. S. Benedicti*, Sec. V., cxxiii.; *Lay Folks' Mass Book*, p. 184.

² *Festiuall*, 1515, fol. 159 b.

³ *Dictionnaire des Décrets*, Migne, 1860, s. v. *Rosaire*, c. 1101.

p. 14, L. 220. *to sey*, for saying.

p. 14, L. 220. *lady sawter*. The Lady psalter was so called because it included the repetition of a hundred and fifty Ave Mary's in accordance with the number of the psalms. It corresponds with the devotion which is known by the more modern name of Rosary, though that is not confined to the saying of fifteen decades, or sets of ten aves. For example, the rosary of Saint Bridget in honour of the three and sixty years, the supposed length of the life of the Blessed Virgin, is composed of six decades of Aves, each beginning with a Paternoster, and ending with a Credo; the six decades being, moreover, followed by one Paternoster and three Aves.

There is some difference of opinion among Roman Catholic writers on this subject, as to when this devotion was first introduced. It will be observed that Wyclif does not speak of the Lady-psalter as a novelty in his day. From his mention of it in connection with the Ave-Maria there can be no doubt that he does not intend the *Psalterium Mariæ*, consisting of one hundred and fifty strophes, each beginning with Ave. Mone gives several examples from manuscripts of the twelfth century onwards, and mentions that in some he had noticed a change in the phrase of greeting—in the first third, or fifty strophes, Ave, in the second *Salve*, and in the last *Gaude*.¹ He also mentions that these Latin devotions began to be used in the vulgar tongue in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries.²

In connection with this subject it may not be unacceptable to the members of the E. E. T. Society, if I add some extracts from an English legend, which is not later than the end of the thirteenth century, inasmuch as it occurs in the Digby MS. 86, which was written about 1290,³ from which it is printed by Dr. Horstmann, in his new series of *Old English Legends*.⁴ It is inscribed with a heading in French, "*Coment le sauter nostre dame fu primes controuë*." After an invocation to the "Leuedi swete and milde," he goes on:—

"Ich wille biginnen here
And tellen þe manere
Nou at jisse stounde

Of þi sauter here
Mid wel gode chere,
Ouhit wes . . I-founde."

He goes on to tell of a rich man, who "louede holi chirche," and lived near an abbey which his elders had founded, and here he sent his only son.

"Monk he þere bicom
Wiþ abit he þer nom
Bi his fader wille.
* * * * *
þe leuedi ful of miȝtte
þat bar oure driȝtte,
In a chapele þere,
Bi day and eke bi niȝtte
Out wen he comen miȝtte,
Were ware he were.
Ou alle ich telle may :
On houndred ewche day
He grettinges seyde.
Wel he held his lay
And þe ordre, bi mi fay !
For loue of þat mayde.
* * * * *

Ne let he none stounde
þat he ne fel to grounde
And on knewes bat,
And þoute of þe wonde
þat god for al þe mounde
On rode heuede I-sprad.

On houndret to þe meyde
Aue maries he seyde,
Bi tale heche daye.
He hit nout ne aleyde,
Ac so wel he pleyde—
Riȝt soþ for to saye—

þat he sau wel briȝtte
Oure leuedi foul of miȝte
A settres-day, I-wis,

¹ *Hymni Latini medii Aevi*, II. 242.

² *Ib.*, II. 245.

³ *Altenglische Legenden*, Neue Folge, 1881, p. 211.

⁴ *Ib.*, p. 220—224.

Were hoe sat wel rijtte
 I-cloped half bi sijtte
 And seyde to him pis :
 Mi monk, ne dred þe nout,
 For I þe haue I-bout
 And þe ich wille take.
 Thou hauest so goed fulwraut
 Ne worst þou nout bikaut :
 Goed ne shal þe lake.

* * * * *
 Ac þou (most more say)¹
 Wor (*me now euche day*)

Fifti al bi score
 Of aue maries,
 Fifti on day pries,
 Wite nou were-fore :

þat is rijt mi sauter.
 And þou shalt witen her
 Hou it shal ben do :

Fifti seye bi-fore
 Tene eueri bi score,
 And on anteme þerto.

* * * * *
 After sey wel sone
 Fifty mididone
 Al for þat ilke blisse,
 þat he wip-outen (sore)
 Wold offine ben (bore)
 þat þou þer-(of ne misse).
 þer aft(er þou shalt say)
 Eft (*fifti euche day*)
 Bi (*þine fingres ten*)
 O(f aue maries)
 (*euche day pries*)
 (*Tolle hit fele men*).

* * * * *
 Nou ich bidde here
 Ou alle wip gode chere
 þat ȝe suggen pries
 Wip wel gode wille
 Boþe loude and stille
 þese aue maries."

We find a bequest of a pair of beads in the Will of Roger Flore, or Flower, 1424 (Furnivall, *Earliest English Wills*, 58), which illustrates this subject, and adds one more to the many examples where we find underlying the formal details of a legal document, apart from their antiquarian or archæological interest, touches of tender feeling, and unconscious evidence of the heart's belief of the testator. "And I will þe Maister of Manton (*Ricardum Harvey, Magistrum cantarie de Manton*, ib., 55/8), haf my pair of bedys þat I vse my self, with þe x aues of siluere, and a pater noster ouer-gilt (*silver gilt*), preying him to haue mynde of me sumtime when he seith oure lady sawter on hem."

Mabillon² speaks of the rosary as consisting of a hundred and fifty aues, and fifteen Lord's prayers. The modern rosary is made up not only of one hundred and fifty smaller beads, with a larger bead between each ten, but where the ends of the string join there are five beads with a cross or crucifix. It is thus used. The creed is said on the cross, on the first bead a paternoster, an ave on each of the three next beads, and a paternoster on the last. Then an ave is said on each of ten smaller beads, and a paternoster on the larger bead, and so on until one hundred and fifty aues and fifteen paternosters have been said in addition to the creed, three aues and one paternoster before beginning the rosary proper.

p. 14, L. 225. *pre credys*. The Apostles' Creed was known as the "lesse crede" or the "English Creed," and of this it was said in the *Myroure*, p. 311, "each man is bound to can and say." The Nicene was called the mass-creed, or the *Symbolum patrum*, but the rubrics generally call the Athanasian creed *Psalmus*.

Latimer, when he was Rector (?) of West Kingston in Wiltshire, writing to his neighbour Sir Edward Baynton, says, "There be three creeds, one in my mass, another in my matins, the third common to them that neither say mass nor matins, nor yet know what they say, when they say the creed; and I believe all three, with all that God hath left in holy writ for me and other to believe."—*Sermons and Remains*, P. S. II., 332.

¹ The words within parenthesis are from the Auchinlech MS. (about 1410), in places where a piece has been cut off from the Digby.

² *Proef. in Sac.*, V. cxxviii., p. 456. Cat. 494.

p. 14, L. 234. Cf. Bishop Latimer's *Sermon on the Plough*.—"The devil shall go for my money, for he applieth to his business. Therefore, ye unpreaching prelates, learn of him to be diligent in doing your office; if ye will neither learn of God, nor of good men, for very shame learn ye of the devil."—H. E. N.

p. 15, L. 235. *and secler lordys*. [The Dublin MS. reads "as" for "and".]

p. 15, L. 244—253. This is interesting, especially in view of Pearson's curious contention (Art. I.) that the "I believe in God" of the Creed, simply means "I believe that God is": though Augustine had said, "*Ecclesiam credere, non tamen in Ecclesiam credere, quia Ecclesia non Deus est, sed Domus Dei est.*" The passage under review appears to be taken from *St. Aug. in Joan*, Tract. 29, and in Ps. 130. "*Aliud est credere Illi, aliud credere Illum, aliud credere in Illum. Credere Illi est credere verum esse quod loquitur; credere Illum est credere quod Ipse sit Deus; sed credere in Illum est diligere Illum. Credere Ipsum esse Deum, hoc et doemones potuerunt.*"—"Quid est ergo credere *in Deum*? Credendo amare, credendo diligere, credendo in Eum ire, et Ejus membris incorporari." Pearson attributes the distinction especially to St. Augustine and the Latin Church. But he fails to note the force of πιστεύω εἰς as contrasted with πιστεύω ἐπὶ in such passages in the N. T. as St. John ii. 22—24, iii. 15, 36, v. 46, 7, vi. 29, 30, viii. 30, 1, xii. 36, 38, 42, xiv. 11, 12; Acts xiv. 23, xvi. 31, &c. Bishop Charles Wordsworth remarks on St. John ii. 22—4: "*Πιστεύω εἰς τινά* seems to come very near in meaning to *πιστεύω ἑαυτὸν τινί*."—H. E. N.

p. 15, L. 244. *sotel*. Here Canon Simmons has made a marginal note; cf. *Victor* (Wrangham). He probably refers to the following verse from his Sequence XXII. (Trinity):—

"Digne loqui de Personis
Veni transcendit rationis,
Excedit ingenia.

Quid sit gigni, quid processus,
Me nescire sum professus:
Sed fide non dubia."

H. E. N.

p. 16, L. 266. Cf. the fourteen points of T. 53.

p. 16, L. 269. *stondynge his godhed*; "subsistente deitate."

p. 16, L. 277, 278. The scribe may have had in his mind, "The Lord, the Giver of Life."

[The Dublin MS. reads "love," justifying Canon Simmons' conjecture. Compare "þe þridde persone in trinite, to whom is apropyrd true love," *E. W. of W.*, p. 363.—F. D. M.]

p. 17, L. 292. "Ut nos redimeret ab infernali captivitate, anima sua descendit ad inferna cum deitate, corpore manente in sepulchro, et extraxit secum animas quæ in terra fecerunt suam voluntatem."—*Speculum Ecclesie of Edmund Rich*, c. xiii.

"His sowle": cf. L. 455: "þe gost with þe godhed went in-to helle."

Also T. 143: "Whilke he in his forloke wold that wer saued."

p. 17, L. 306. Wyclif does not here introduce the doctrine of predestination that underlies his conception of the Church.

p. 17, L. 310. This view is everywhere taken by Wyclif. For example, when condemning what seems to have been speaking of the Church, rather than an unsound definition, (just as men are now sometimes described as "going into the Church," instead of taking Holy Orders),—he writes:—

"Whanne men speken of holy Chirche, þei undirstonden anoon prelati and prestis, monkis and chanouns and freris, and all men þat han crownes (*i. e.* that have the tonsure), þouȝ þei lyven never so cursedly aȝenst Goddis lawe,—and clepen not ne holden seculeris men of holy Chirche, þouȝ þei lyven nevere so trewely after Goddis lawe, and enden in perfect charite."—*Arn. Sel. Eng. Works*, III. 447.

And so, in a sermon on the Gospel for the twentieth Sunday after Trinity, (The Marriage of the King's Son).—"And so men seien comounly þat þere ben here two manere of chirches, holy Chirche or Chirche of God, þat on no manere may be dampned, and þe Chirche of þe fend, þat for a time is good, and lastiȝ not; and þis was never holy Chirche, ne part þerof."—*Arn. Sel. Eng. Works*, I. 50.

p. 17, L. 307. *angelys and seyntis in heuyn and alle þat schul be sawyd.* So Wyclif, in his tract on the Te Deum:—

"Holy Chirche haȝ þre partis. Þe hiȝeste ben angelis of hevene; þe secunde, seintis slepinge in purgatorie; þe þridde is folk þat schulen be saved, here fizinge in erþe. Of þese and noone oþere is holy Chirche maad."—*S. E. W.*, III. 53.

This definition of the "general" or Catholic Church was one of the heresies laid to his charge: "Quod nullus praescitus est pars ecclesiae."—*Fas. Ziz.*, p. 2. Cf. note on L. 95.

p. 17, L. 307. *þat schul be saved.* Compare the rendering of *τοὺς σωζόμενους* (Acts ii. 47) in the A. V., "such as should be saved," which has been adopted in the latest Roman Catholic English Version.¹ The Wyclifite versions both run "that weren maad saaf." This, if we understand "safe" as of a present state of salvation, seems to come nearer the "being saved" of the Greek, and is all the more to be remarked, as the reading of the Vulgate is in the subjunctive, "qui salvi fierent."

p. 18, L. 312. "Quanto magis nostri prelati ac religiosi, qui nec habent ex propheta nec ex evidenti scriptura quod sunt predestinati, non frontose assererent quod sunt partes sancte ecclesie."—*Wyclif's Latin Sermons*, ed. Loserth, I. 4 (p. 22).—F. D. M.

p. 18, L. 316. *pre.* Cf. *Arn.* III. 339; *De Christo*, cap. 1.

p. 18, L. 317. The masculine pronoun is here applied to the Church. In *Thoresby*, line 203 (p. 44), we have the neuter, "and save the right of it," although in the previous line the Church is called "our gastly modir."

p. 18, L. 317. *wandrys here in erthe.* "Good lif of men þat ben wandrynge in þis weye is betere preyere to god."—*Tractatus de Pseudo-freris*, c. 8; *W. E. T.*, 321.

Mr. Matthew remarks on this passage: "*viator* is the word generally used by Wyclif to signify man living on the earth."—*W. E. T.*, 524.

Cf. "Et secundum apostolum, 1 Cor. 3^o: Si viator habuerit omnem fidem, ita ut montes transferat, caritatem autem non habuerit, nihil est."—*Dialogue*, C. xvi., p. 32/6.

p. 18, L. 317. Purgatory is afterwards (L. 536) spoken of as a place of punishment; but here, as of the resting-place of departed spirits. And so Wyclif sometimes speaks of purgatory as the place where the saints are sleeping;² or, as in his sermon on the raising of Lazarus, he says,

¹ Dublin "with the approbation of the Catholic Archbishops and Bishops of Ireland," 1857. The Rhemish Version was, "them that should be saved."

² *S. E. W.*, III. 53, quoted in note on L. 307. *Ib.* I. 101.

"No word of this story wantiþ sutil goosli witt. Crist criede wiþ greet vois, to teche þat soulis in purgatorie, be þei never so fer from him, comen anon to his¹ crye."

In one of his latest treatises, *The Church and her Members*, he speaks of the saints in purgatory, who "synnen not of þe new, but purgen þer olde² synnes"; and in an exposition of the Paternoster, printed by Mr. Matthew, he refers to purgatory as a place of punishment, as in the place in our text, above referred to, exhorting to "have saad mind of the schortnesse of lykyng in sin, and on þe bittre peynes of purgatorie and helle." And again, "when we sayn, *but deliver us fro evyl*, we preien þat god deliuere vs from alle evyl of synne and payne, boþe of body and soule, in þis lif and in purgatorie, and namely for payne of³ helle."

p. 18, L. 319. *Pese popys ne prelatys*. Above (L. 312) it is said that "men cannot know whether they are parts of holy church, and that exalted ecclesiastical office, apart from holy living (cf. L. 311), does not justify any such pretension." This highness in prelacy is here identified with popes and prelates, and we find similar language often used by Wyclif. "By þis hope (*of being safe in bliss*) bineþe bileve, shulden be two synnes fled; pride of men and covetise, bi title þat þei ben men of holi Chirche. For no pope þat now lyveth woot where he be of þe Chirche, or where he be a lym of þe fend, to be dampned wiþ Lucifer."⁴

Towards the close of his life, when he had definitely declared against the papacy, he speaks more strongly: "Certum est, quod nec papa in persona propria, nec ecclesia conversans cum illo, cui non sit revelatio, scit si prædestinatus fuerit vel præscitus, et, per consequens, si sit membrum ecclesiæ vel diabolus incarnatus. Quomodo ergo perversa est in fidem ista præsumptio, quod papa necessario est salvandus et errare non poterit in agendis."⁵

p. 18, L. 320. "Debet in militante ecclesia esse unica secta Domini Jesu Christi; et per consequens quatuor sectæ post sectam Christi per diabolum introductæ debent cessare gratia unitatis ecclesiæ militantis.

"Sunt istæ sectæ quatuor, ut sæpe dictum est, clerus cæsareus, monachi, canonici atque fratres. Clerus Cæsareus est multitudo sacerdotum, qui temporali dominio sunt dotati, cujus patronus instabilis dicitur esse papa, et regula lex papalis. Secunda secta dicitur esse monachi bipertiti, cujus patronus dicitur esse Benedictus et regula quam ex ejus sententia beatus Gregorius compilavit. Tertia secta dicuntur canonici, cujus patronus fingitur Augustinus . . . Quarta secta et ultima dicuntur fratres, qui in ritibus et aliis observantiis multipliciter sunt divisi, sicut et triplex secta possessionatorum in albos et nigros, viros et fæminas, quas sanctimoniales dicimus, dividuntur."—Wyclif, *De Christo et Adversario suo Antichristo*, cap. 2, *Polemical Works*, p. 656.

p. 18, L. 324. Every individual member (*eche parte*) of the (invisible) church is in communion with, and helps the other members, whether in heaven or earth; and so Wyclif, "Debet autem in ista ecclesia et qualibet sui parte esse pax et unitas, cum omnes partes singulæ debent mutuo se juvare, cum locorum distantia non impedit adjutorium spirituale."—*De Christo et Adversario suo Antichristo*, § 5, p. 654.

p. 18, L. 330. *fyne wythtys*.—ἡ πάνταθλος αἵσθησις. *Liturg. Clem. Mark.*, A. E. L., 205, 33.

¹ *S. E. W.*, II. 100. ² *S. E. W.*, III. 339. ³ *W. E. T.*, 201.

⁴ *S. E. W.*, III. 339.

⁵ *De Christo et Adversario suo*, § 92. Buddensieg, p. 48-9. *Polemical Works*, p. 678.

p. 19, **L.** 332. Wyclif discourses on the five senses in *Triologus*, p. 94, and in the *Latin Sermons*, I. 203. In both cases the order differs from that given here, as smell precedes taste.

p. 19, **L.** 343—348. The remarks on the sense of touch have much in common with a passage in *How Satan and his Children*, &c.—*E. W. of W.* p. 218.—**F. D. M.**

p. 19, **L.** 349-50. In Wyclif's *Latin Sermons*, II. VI., p. 36/22, the inner senses are enumerated as "sensus communis, virtus imaginativa, virtus estimativa, virtus fantastica, et virtus memorativa." A similar list is in *Triologus*, p. 95. It does not seem easy to make out the correspondence of the English with the Latin.—**F. D. M.**

p. 21, **L.** 370. Cf. **L.** 266: the second part of the Creed contains fourteen articles.

p. 22, **T.** 66. *parsons and vikers and al parochie prestes*. Where the tithes were appropriated a vicar was sometimes appointed, but more often a priest, dismissible at will, was hired to perform the services. This was the "parish priest" of the text.—**F. D. M.**

p. 23, **L.** 387. *on godys behalve*. Cf. the second Exhortation in the Communion Service:—"according to mine office, I bid you in the Name of God, I call you in Christ's behalf: . . ."

p. 24, **C.** 39 omits the Double Procession. Though it is inserted both in **T.** and **L.**, yet it may be noted in illustration of the connection between Thoresby and Wyclif, that, although the latter sometimes urges the teaching of that doctrine, he elsewhere, speaking of the Greek Church, considers it doubtful. Cf. *S. E. W.*, **T.** 146, with **T.** 152.

p. 25, **L.** 417. *holly on*. The scribe seems to have misunderstood the "hali" of his copy, and taken it to mean "wholly."

p. 26, **T.** 124. *merryng*. A.S. merran; Goth. marzjan (σκανδαλιζω).

"He palde merrin hire meidhād."—*Cockayne, Mark.* 4.

p. 27, **L.** 432. *to god or with god*. This additional distinction is made with reference to the saints already in heaven.

p. 27, **L.** 437, 439. *be vertu of þe holy gost*. *throwz myzt and strenthe of þe fadyr of heuyn*. It will be noticed that **L.** is much more precise than **T.**, which makes no distinction between the conception and the incarnation. With this compare:

"Quamvis enim tota Trinitas incarnavit Verbum et misit Spiritum Sanctum, hoc tamen solum originaliter fit ex Patre, qui sic delexit mundum ut Filium suum unigenitum daret."—*De Benedicta Incarnacione*, p. 222/17.

Power is the special attribute of the Father in the Trinity.—*E. W. of W.*, 362. Cf. supra, **L.** 256, p. 15.—**F. D. M.**

p. 28, **T.** 141. "E carcere secum in cælum."—*Art. Trid.*, 5, VI. 9.

p. 29, **L.** 455. *gost*. for "saule" of **T.** 140. Canon Simmons has here a marginal note, "gost, not a synonyme, but more accurate." But in **L.** 292 (p. 17) we have—"his sowle went to helle."

p. 29, **L.** 458. It is to be noticed that this addition weakens the assertion of predestination in **T.**

p. 29, **P.** 52. *ad spoliacionem Tartari*. The Spoiling or Harrowing of Hell was a favourite scene in the Miracle Plays.

p. 30, **T.** 155. *ισάγγελοι*, "euen with angels."—*Wycl.* "modico minoratus quam angeli."—*Heb.* ii. 9.

p. 30, T. 165. *whethir-sum for whichever*: cf. "howsumdever."

p. 33, L. 488. The arrangement of the commandments is that which still obtains in the Roman Catholic church, our first and second commandment being counted as the first, while our tenth is divided.

p. 33, L. 508 This answers to the second commandment.

p. 33, L. 518. (*n*)eddyr. The *n* erased, but the first part of the down-stroke may be traced.

p. 35, L. 549. *Who brekys*. The same formula will be found in the exposition of the other commandments. It survives in Archbishop Hamilton's *Catechism*.

"Quha brekis yair halieday?"—folio xxxvi b^a

"Quha brekis this command?"—folio xlvj^o.

p. 37, L. 556. *swere be no þyng þat god hæþ wrought*. This addition is to be noticed. The objection to oaths was one of the distinguishing tenets of the Lollards, and is among the eleven points undertaken by Pecock in the *Repressor*. Compare "ne by ony creature," p. 39, L. 592. There is, of course, an implied reference to Matt. v. 34—36.—F. D. M.

p. 39, L. 601—604. The triple rhyme here is noticeable.

p. 39, L. 605. It is curious that there is no mention of the word Sunday, or of church authority, as in T.

p. 41, L. 629. *þyn Aue maria*. Wyclif not only enjoins but practises invocation of Christ's mother. "Crist and his modir kepe his kirke in right byleve of þis sacrament." Concerning the Eucharist (Knighton's so-called Retractation).—*S. E. W.*, III. 503.

[*"Sed Maria mater Domini videtur ex hoc specialiter honoranda, cum ipsa fuit archa fidei et virtutum in sancto sabbato, Christo mortuo, et plus quam privati prelati habet rationem gignendi christicolos in virtute; seculum enim est mater misericordie sic est mater aliarum virtutum que in filiis Dei spiritualiter procreantur. Ideo (ut dicit apostolus) saluta sepius hanc Mariam."*—*Sermones*, I. 112/37.]

p. 41, L. 636. *debat*. Debate is used now of discussion, no doubt often accompanied by very angry feelings; but in Early English it appears to have been invariably used of a quarrel or strife; and is so used in the A. V., 2 Cor. xii. 20. In Rom. i. 29, the *ἐρις* ("debate") of the Greek is *contentio* in the Vulgate.

Shakspeare employs the word in its modern sense, and also according to the older use:—

"Now, lords, if heaven doth give successful end
To this debate that bleedeth at our doors,
We will our youth lead on to higher fields,
And draw no swords but what are sanctified."

2 *Henry IV.*, IV. 4.

Hampole enumerates among venial sins:—

"When þou paynes þe noght, after þi state,
To accorde þam þat er at debate."—*P. C.*, 3472-3.

p. 41, L. 637. *bylde many chirches*.

[*"dubitatur de modo construccionis basilicarum tam fratrum quam omnium clericorum. Et videtur ex principio huius evangelii quod Christus reprobatur ipsas tam opere quam sermone."*—*Sermones*, II. 328/17.]

p. 45, L. 689. *a thousand-fold more cursyd*. "Lord, hou louen þes curatis here sugetis soulis þat wolen for foure pens bitake hem bodi and soule to þe fend, 3e, whanne þei may not paie for verray pouert, and whanne þei don not here gostly office; and þanne þe curatis ben more

cursed of god for wiþdrawynge of techynge in word, in dede, in good ensauple þanne þe sugetis wiþdrawynge tipes and offryngis whanne þei don wel here gostly office."¹

"þis is a feyned word of anticristis clerkis þat, ȝif sugetis may leffully wiþdrawe tipes and offryngis fro curatis þat openly lyuen in lecherie or grete opere synnes and don not here office, þan seruauntis and tenauntis may wiþdrawe here seruyce and rentis fro here lordis þat lyuen opynly a cursid lif. for to þe first sugetis han þe auctorite of goddis lawe and mannus lawe also, but not to wiþdrawe seruyce and rentis fro wickid lordis; but ben chargid of god bi petir and poul to be þus suget to wickid lordis; and þerfore crist paiede for hym and his apostlis tribut to þe heþene emperour."²

p. 45, L. 689. *suggettys wyþdrawyng here tythis*. The right, or rather the duty, of parishioners to withdraw their tythes from scandalous incumbents was frequently insisted upon by Wyclif.

"Siþ god seþ bi þe prophete þat euyl prestis ben cause of fallynge of þe peple, alle manere men ben bounde to amende þis defaute; for ellis þei stonden not in goddis hestis ne charite. and here-fore gregory seiþ þat no man harmeþ more cristis chirche þan he þat haþ þe name of ordre and holynesse and þer-wiþ lyueth euele, for comunly no man reproveþ hym, and men taken gretly ensauple of his synne; and þerfore crist purgid þe temple with his owen hondis, as þe gospel telliþ, in tokene þat ȝif prestis weren good þe peple schulde sone be amendid. and for þis skille trewe men seyn þat prelati ben more bounden to preche trewely þe gospel þan þes sugetis ben holden to paie here dymes, for god chargiþ þat more, and þat is more profitable to boþe parties and more esy. And þerfore prelati ben more cursed to cesse of þis prechyng þanne þe sugetis ȝif þei cessen to paye tipes; ȝe, whanne here prelati don wel here offis.³ ȝif prelati failen of good lif and techynge, þei moten be þus seruyd of men, for ȝif men vnder hem knowe þis defaute and may amenden it and don not þei consenten and meynuten hem in þis grete synne."⁴

"Cristenmen of þis ground þenken þat parijschens shulden drawe fro persouns offeringis and dymes and opere godis whanne þey faylen opynly in þer offiss, for siche assent is to blame þat nurshiþ persouns in siche synne."⁵

p. 46, T. 210. *Sklaunder or bacbite*. Cf. *Robert of Brunne* :—

<p>"What sey ȝe of þys backbyters þat wykkede wurdas aboute bers? Þey make oft moche stryfe, And apeynen many mannys lyfe. ȝyf þou bryng a man yn fame</p>	<p>þat he haue euere lastyng shame, Byfore God þou hym sloȝ Whan þou hym reuest his gode los. Bakbyter, purghe ryghte resun, Of þre mennys deþ ys enchesun.</p>
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¹ *The Office of Curates*, c. 5, *W. E. T.*, 146. It may be mentioned that Wyclif elsewhere defends himself from any extension of his counsel to the case of laymen.

² *Of Servants and Lords*, *W. E. T.* 229-30. Here in the margin of the MS. is a reference, "Matt. xvii.," but it will be noticed that the payment of tribute there mentioned (*v.v.* 24-7), is altogether inapplicable to the argument, as it was the half-shekel for the service of the temple.

³ Cf. L., 691.

⁴ *Of Prelatis*, c. 1, *W. E. T.*, 56-7.

⁵ *De Officio Pastoralis*, c. 8, *W. E. T.*, 418. See also *Of Clerkes Possessioners*, c. 25, *ib.*, 132. "This withdrawing of tithes was the subject of the ninth of the twenty-five points that were charged against Wyclif's followers after his death, and is dealt with in an answer, which had been catalogued as among his works, but, as pointed out by Mr. Arnold, it was put forth after his death, and could not have proceeded from him."—*S. E. W.*, III. 454.

Dou wost weyl, wyþ ouden les,
 Þe bakbyter fyrst hym self sles;
 He slekþ hym hym þat trowyþ hys
 lesyng,
 Whan he forþ beryþ hys bakbytyng;
 And hym algate þat hyt ys on leyde,

He ys slayn; Gode help þe vpbreyde.
 As moche þan he ys to blame
 Þat zeueþ a man a yle eke name;
 3yf hys ryzt name he wyþdrawe,
 Gostlyche þou hast hym slawe."

H. S., 1514—1533.

p. 46, T. 211. *withdrawes lyuelade*. So *Robert of Brunne*:—

"3yf þou þurgh wykkede ordynaunce

Fordost pore mannys sustynaunce

Þat aftyrwarde he may nat lyve,

Þou art coupable,—a 3yfte y 3yve.

"3yf a pore man þe craue

A melys mete hys lyfe to saue,

3yf þou mayst 3yue hym, and nat wylt,

Before God þou hast hym spylt."—*H. S.*, 1324—1331.

"They are slayers gastely that will noghte feede the pover in nede, and that defames men and that confounds innocentys."—*Richard of Hampole*, quoted by Canon Perry, *Ecclesiastic*, Jan. 1866, p. 15.

p. 47, L. 716. *wrongwysly*. Inserted in recognition of the exceptions which are commanded or allowed in the Word of God.

p. 47, L. 727. ["patet quanti sacerdotes et prelati specialiter sunt irregulares, cum a primo usque ad ultimum omnes subtrahunt spirituale suffragium nequiter occidendo. Et hec occisio causat apud Deum irregularitatem magis culpabilem quam occisio corporalis."]—*Sermones*, I. 119/29.

p. 49, L. 768. *annuel rent*. These rents, levied by ecclesiastical judges from clergy and laymen alike for persistent adultery, fornication, and other notorious transgressions, had been authoritatively branded as a grave scandal before the time of Wyclif by Archbishop Stratford. In the constitutions—his so-called Extravagants—published in the Provincial Council of London, A.D. 1342, he endeavoured to abolish, or at least to regulate them. He broadly charges the archdeacons of his province of Canterbury, and their officials, and some bishops, though he only mentions these as "certain others, the archdeacons superiors" (*eorum superiores, quidem alii*) with remitting without making any distinction (*indifferenter*) the bodily and open penance, that should have been a terror to others, so that offenders of this sort were by many said to rent those sins. He adds that they put the money in their pockets, and did not dispose of it for the use of the poor or other good ends.¹

We find the practice, against which the Archbishop raised his voice, had been alluded to in a satirical poem on the Evil Times of Edward II.:—

"And thise ersedeknes that ben set to visite holi church

Everich fondeth hu he may shrewedlichest worche;

He wole take mede of that on and that other,

And late the parsoun have a wyf and the prest another,
 at wille;

Coveytise shal stoppen here mouth and maken hem al stille."

Political Songs, ed. Wright, C. S., p. 326.

¹ *Lynd.*, III. 52, *Quoniam reus*: He ordains that, in case of persistence in notorious sin, no money shall be received on a second occasion, under pain of forfeiting double the amount to the fabric fund of the cathedral; and that in those cases where money commutations might be hereafter allowed, they should be so moderate that the receiver should not be condemned as rapacious; and the giver should not himself be too much burthened.

So, too, in the Complaint of the Ploughman :—

“For a simple fornication
Twenty shillings he shall pay ;
And then have an absolution,
And al the yere usen it forth he may.”

Political Poems, Wright, I. 324.

See also *E. W. of W.*, p. 35, and note on the passage, p. 495.

p. 50, T. 220. With this compare *Hampole*: “The sevende Commandement es, Thou sal noght do na thyfte, in the whylke es forboden alle manere of withdrawynge of other mene thynges wrangwysely, agaynes thaire wylle that aghte it, [that has right to them, T. 224], but if it ware in en tyme of maste nede when alle thynges erre comone.” He goes on to speak of thefts by false weight and measures, as L. 787, but with the exhaustive specification of weight, number, capacity and length ; and he further specifies usurers, and the wrong doings of lords and minor officials, which are not mentioned in L., as might have been expected from its tendency to enlarge upon offences against the lower classes.

“And here is forbodene gillery of weghte, or of tale, or of mett, or of mesure, or thorowe okyre, or violence, or drede, als bedells or foresters duse and mynysters of the kynge, or thurge extorecyone, als lords duse.”¹

p. 51, L. 796. In the Ayenbite, in the handwriting of, and translated by Dan Michel, who was a monk of St. Augustine’s at Canterbury, we do not find these distinctions drawn, but he divides breakers of this commandment into open thieves by sea and land, who take their doom when caught ; sly thieves who steal in corners, and privy thieves, who abuse their employer’s confidence. P. 37.

p. 51, L. 802. *al þo þat wast here godis*, &c. I think that in this paragraph Wyclif was making reference to the clergy, although without naming them. (This is certainly the case in the next paragraph as to the Friars and questors.) He asserts frequently that all the income of the clergy, beyond what they absolutely need for a livelihood, is the property of the poor, but this rests on his theory that the clergy should live on alms, and I am not aware that he ever makes a similar statement concerning laymen, who may hold property. Still, without laying it down as a political or social law, he may very well have taught that the rich were bound not to waste their superfluous wealth, but to expend it on the poor.—F. D. M.

p. 51, L. 802. Further note :—“For it was neuer cristis lore to make prestis riche and knyztis pore,” &c. &c. See, “The Clergy may not hold property,” a tract ascribed by Dr. Shirley to Wyclif, but regarded as doubtful by Mr. Matthew (*Eng. Works of W.*, p. 359). Mr. M. thinks that W. may have derived from William of Ockham, the bold defender of the Empire against the Pope, his strong belief that it is the duty of priests to live in poverty : and he points out from a tract of his upon the claim of Urban V. to the arrears of tribute due under John’s vassalage, that he had formed this opinion as early as 1366.—H. E. N.

p. 53, L. 808. *as þe wys man seys*. “Where ?” is Canon Simmons’ note in margin. I suppose the reference is to Ecclus. xxxiv. 25. “Panis egentium vita pauperum est : qui defraudat illum, homo sanguinis est.”—F. D. M.

p. 53, L. 813. “Bot þei (*Freris*) chargen so myche þis roten habite, for herby þo puple wenes þat þei ben holy, and gyven hom more dritt þen

¹ *The Ten Commandments*, u. s. p. 16.

is nedeful or profitable. And herfore iche partze drawn oþer to helle,—þo freris for hor fals takyng of almes when no need is, ne þei have leewe of Gods lawe perto,—þo blynde puple, for þei drawn hor almes fro hor pore and nedy negthboris, where þei schulden do hit by þo heest of God, and mayntenen freris in hor fals beggyng, ypocrisie, and oþer synnes mony.”—Wyclif, *Fifty Heresies*, cap. 29; *S. E. W.*, III. 389.

p. 55, L. 844. *alle þat sey . þat cryst beggyd*, &c. “Þes freris seyn þe contrarie and grounden hem an ordre of þer wilful beggyng, bi men þat han no nede; and herbe schulde men hope to sitt hye in heuen, for, as þei lien falsly, crist begged þus.”—*W. E. T.*, 352/3.

“Secundus abusus fratrum est crimen blasphemiae quo imponunt in christum, quod mendicavit notabiliter ab homine.”—*Trial.* 367 (cf. *Trial.* 341, 345).

p. 55, L. 847. *among his pepyl schuld no begger be*. “Et omnino indigens et mendicus non erit inter vos,” Deut. xv. 4.—F. D. M.

p. 54, T. 232, and p. 55, L. 859. It will be noticed that the arrangement of the commandments differs, T. following the order of Exodus and the division which now prevails in the R. C. and Lutheran churches, while L. takes the order of Deut. v. 21, and divides in a way which, having the authority of Augustine, did not die out until the arrangement was decided at the Council of Trent.

Wyclif's tract on the Ten Commandments, published by Mr. Arnold (*S. E. W.*, III. 90), agrees with T. in arrangement, as well as in its explanation that the ninth commandment refers to things “that ben immevable.” It would seem that the Decalogue agreed with our English law in recognizing an important distinction between real property and chattels.

The difficulty of satisfactorily dividing these commandments is shown by the fact that in the Catechism of the Council of Trent, as in L., they are combined under one exposition.—F. D. M.

p. 55, L. 866. *werk-best*. In both Wycliffite versions this is “ass” both in Exodus and Deuteronomy, but the *jumentun* of Ex. xx. 10, is translated “werkebeest.”—F. D. M.

p. 57, L. 882 and 885. Bulls of pardon and letters of fraternity are common objects of Wyclif's denunciation. He more rarely attacks chantries, although he does not spare them on occasion. (Cf. *Polemical Works*, 272, and *E. W. of W.*, 177.) The foundation of chantries was the fashionable form of endowment. Men had ceased to believe in the holiness of the various orders, and preferred to get a sure return for their money in the shape of masses for their intention. Sometimes the foundations were temporary, as in the will of John Chelmyswyk (*Earliest English Wills*, 31/13), who left £70 to pay two priests for seven years. In other cases it was perpetual. Thus Thomas Walwayn leaves certain properties for “a chaunterie in Marcle-chyrch . . . for a prest to seynge thir perpetually,” *Id.* 25/10.—F. D. M.

p. 62, 63, T. 277, L. 991. *bathe, byrthe*. Against T. Canon Simmons has written in the margin “mistake of scribe,” and against the “byrthe” of L. he has marked “regeneration.” I cannot tell whether this is merely a note for consideration, or expresses his settled opinion. It appears to me, looking at the context, that “bathe” is correct; it corresponds to the *lavacrum* of Eph. v. 26.—F. D. M. (I think that the pencilled “mistake of scribe” refers not to the ink-mark over “bathe,” but to the pencilled mark in the previous line, transposing the order of the words, “first the.” L. has “pat we take furst, whan we be-come cristyn”; and it makes

better sense in **T.** to read "That we take first, the tyme that we becum cristen.")—**H. E. N.**

p. 62, **T.** 288 :—

"Hiȝt moȝt be do ine kende water,
And non other licour."—*Shoreham*, 8.

He goes on to exclude wine, cider, perry, ale, "for-thie it were water ferst."

p. 65, **L.** 1015. *be þe grace, &c.* It will be noticed here that whereas **T.** says that the bishop confers the grace and gifts of the Holy Ghost; the sacerdotal power is made less of in **L.**, where we are told that the bishop gives "by the grace . . . that is of God's grant." Probably the same idea has caused the change in the line 305/1018, where the statement that the bishop alone has this power is altered into one, that only the bishop ought to do this sacrament.

p. 66, **T.** 318. *Als hale as he toke it, &c.* "Jam vero hoc loco a pastoribus explicandum est, non solum verum Christi corpus, et quicquid ad veram corporis rationem pertinet, veluti ossa et nervos, sed etiam totum Christum in hoc sacramento contineri."—*Cat. of Council of Trent*, P. II., C. IV., Qu. xxxi.

And again: "Neque vero illud praetermittendum non solum in utraque specie, sed in quavis utriusque speciei particula totum Christum contineri."—*Id.*, Qu. xxxiv.

In the corresponding passage, **L.** 1131, the alteration "ryȝt as he tok it," might have suggested the conclusion that the reviser held that the Body and Blood of Christ were given in the sacrament, as they were sundered by his death; His Body being right as he took it of the Blessed Virgin, and not changed as at His resurrection into a glorified body. But we find nothing in Wyclif to justify this suggestion. He and the Lollards in general, whatever divergence there may have been as to the mode of the real presence, do not seem to have scrupled at the received practice as to the administration of the sacrament under one kind.

In his *de Incarnatione*, Wyclif says of the host, "fit signum signans nobis ineffabiliter quod ad omnem punctum sui sit sacramentaliter corpus Christi et concomitanter anima et omnia alia Christi accidentia absoluta."—*Fas. Ziz.*, lxi. [p. 190 of Mr. Harris' edition.]

p. 66, **T.** 320. *anes in the yhere.* The rule as to communicating is thus laid down in the *Pupilla Oculi*, written in 1358.

"¶ Nota secundum constitutionem ecclesiæ quod omnis fidelis tam vir quam mulier, post quam ad annos discretionis pervenerit, tenetur semel in anno omnia peccata sua confiteri proprio sacerdoti; et ad minus in paschate sumere eucharistiæ sacramentum, nisi ob rationabilem causam de consilio proprii sacerdotis duxerit abstinendum.

"Alioquin vivens ab ingressu ecclesiæ arceatur et moriens Christiana careat sepultura: et hoc statutum ne ignoretur, debet frequenter in ecclesiis publicari. *Ex. de pe. et re. cap. omnis utriusque sexus.*

"Unde pueri cum sint prope ætatem adultam, scilicet cum sint decem annorum vel undecim, et apparent in eis signa discretionis et reverentiæ ad sacramentum possunt communionem et sacramenta assumere: alias non."—*Pars IV. cap. viii. fol. xix. G.*

The Wycliffite edition (**L.** 633) adopts the rule as to the minimum of once a year at Easter; but in *Piers the Plowman* we find once a month:—

"Her is bred yblessid * and godes body þer-under.

Grace gaf þow godes worde * to peers ploughman power.

and myghte to maken hit · and men for to eten hit,
in helpe of here hele · ones in a monthe,
Oþer as ofte as thei hadde neode.”—C. xxii. 387—391.

p. 66, C. 178. *vivum*. In the *Lay Folks’ Mass-Book*, p. 227, note four, I have printed this as *unum*. I had so read the MS. many years ago, when I was engaged in collecting materials for a *History of the Doctrine of the Eucharist*, and I found no difficulty in the expression from referring it to the doctrine of concomitance, which was at this time naturally received among theologians in this country. The MS. was very indistinct, but, on examination, there were only five strokes, and an “m” superscript, and not six as there would have been for *unum*.

It so happens that my misreading of the text does not affect its doctrinal import. With either reading it teaches equally that the *res sacramenti* is not the broken body and the outshed blood of Christ as sundered by his death, but, as now defined by the Council of Trent, the whole Christ. (See note on T. 318.)

p. 67, L. 1025. *opyn schrift of oure mounþ*. It will be noticed that the authorized doctrine as to confession is here reproduced without qualification, as is the mention of penance, L. 1035.

Open shrift is no doubt here used, not for “common” telling of sin,¹ or “general shrift and open to man,”² as public confession was called by Wyclif, but of private confession in which the penitent opened his sin to the priest. This is an argument for the early date of the Wycliffite adaptation, for in his later tracts Wyclif, whilst allowing the benefit of confession made by mouth to a wise priest of living,³ and that the pope’s law may “do profit to some,”⁴ enlarges upon the dangers to chastity⁵ and other evils⁶ incident to enforced private confession; and, so far from counting penance as one of the seven sacraments, lays it down that “privy sorrow of the heart is no sacrament of the Church, nor privy rowning (whispering) late brought in, for sacraments be open and known.”⁷

p. 67, L. 1039, 1040. *to his saluacioun, to his da[m]pnacioun*. It will be seen that L. here adds *to*, in this following the more accurate language of earlier writers:—

“Alle þey þat receyue þis sacrament
Yn dedly synne or wykkede entent,—
* * * * *
Hyt ys to here dampnacyun
And þerfore veniaunce shal be doun.”—H. S., 10152-7.

p. 68, T. 329. *halowed and handeled of prest*. There is an opening for misunderstanding here. The oil was consecrated only by the bishop, once a year (on Holy Thursday), although of course administered by the priest. It is noticeable that this statement is given without variation in L. 1042, because it was one of Wyclif’s charges against the prelates that they reserved to themselves the consecration of the oil (among other things) as a means of gain.—W. E. T., 69.

p. 68, T. 330/331.

“To tham that he wate er of skillwise elde,
And that he seis sikerly in peril of dede.”

¹ W. E. T., 335.

² W. E. T., 338.

³ S. E. W., III. 461.

⁴ S. E. W., III. 358, and “I wot þat þise new confessions han don myche good in þe chirche and þerwiþ myche harme.”—W. E. T., 337.

⁵ “Freres and religious wymmen mai sone assente to lechere.”—S. E. W., III. 358. Cf. W. E. T., 330.

⁶ W. E. T., 331.

⁷ W. E. T., 341.

These are almost the words of the *Rituale Romanum* :—"Debet autem hoc Sacramentum infirmis praeberi, qui, cum ad usum rationis pervenerint, tam graviter laborant ut mortis periculum imminere videatur." (*Romae*, 1750, p. 101.)—F. D. M.

p. 69, **L.** 1053. *for to synge messis*. This insistence on singing masses as the first duty of the priest is curious, since it does not correspond to anything in Wyclif's special teaching. It is the more noticeable, as all the rest of this instruction on the sacraments is copied almost word for word.—F. D. M.

p. 70, **T.** 363. *Vestio*. This is an error for *visito* (see **C.** 206). The *tego* (sc. nudum) being the word for this in the memorial verse.—T. F. S.

This verse will be found in Wyclif's *Latin Sermons*, vol. i. p. 259, where it runs :—"visito poto cibo redimo tego colligo condo." With the remark, as in **C.**, "Sex istorum patet Marci xxv., et septimum de mortuorum sepultura patet Thobie I'."

It will be noticed that there is a difference of order in each of the texts. The biblical order would run, as in **C.** :—"Cibo, poto, colligo, tego, visito, redimo, condo."—F. D. M.

p. 71, **L.** 1060—1065. This greater insistence in **L.** on the work of mercy is characteristic, and the note thus struck is maintained in the long additional passage, 1078—1142.

p. 72, **L.** 1090. *pe ypocritys*. In the sidenote Canon Simmons gives "friars" as the hypocrites in question, but a MS. note in the margin questions whether friars only are meant, with a reference to p. 53. No doubt the meaning is wider. It applies to all who spend alms in self-indulgence and display; and since Wyclif reckoned all tithes as alms, it applies to the endowed clergy as well as the friars.—F. D. M.

p. 73, **L.** 1115. *with pe stole of vndedlynnesse*. A reference to 1 Cor. xv. 54, which runs in both Wycliffite versions, "whanne this deedly thing schal clothe vndeedlynnesse" (induerit immortalitatem vulg.).—F. D. M.

p. 73, **L.** 1119. *be worldly tytyl*. "duplici titulo stat hominem habere temporalia, scilicet titulo originalis justitiae et titulo mundanae justitiae. Titulo autem originalis justitiae habuit Christus omnia bona mundi, ut saepe declarat Augustinus; illo titulo vel titulo gratiae justorum sunt omnia, sed longe ab illo titulo civilis possessio. Unde Christus et sui apostoli spreta dominatione et possessione civili fuerunt de habitatione pure secundum primum titulum contentati."—*Triologus*, IV. xvii., p. 306.

p. 75, **L.** 1134. *presonyd for hate and for trewthe þat þey mayntene*. Wyclif's short tract, *Lincolniensis* (*S. E. W.*, III. 230), is chiefly directed against the wickedness of imprisoning poor priests. After the Council at Blackfriars, May 1382, in which the tenets of Wyclif were condemned, the King issued a letter giving power to the bishops to commit to prison all who maintained the twenty-four condemned conclusions :—"Nos zelo fidei catholicae, cujus sumus et esse volumus defensores in omnibus ut tenemur, commoti, nolentesque sustinere hujusmodi hereses aut errores infra terminos nostrae potestatis aliquo modo pululare; praefato archiepiscopo ejusque suffraganeis ad omnes et singulos qui dictas conclusiones sic damnatas praedicare seu manutenere voluerint clam vel palam, ubicunque inveniri poterunt, arestandum et prisonis suis propriis seu aliorum pro eorum beneplacito committendum, in eisdem detinendos quousque ab errorum et heresum pravitatibus resipiscant, . . . auctoritatem et licenciam tenore presencium concedimus et committimus, June 22, 1382."—*Lambeth Register*.

This letter is of a later date than our treatise, but the bishops' prisons were an old-standing institution. Moreover, their power was not restricted to putting such offenders as they dared to arrest in their prisons. It was the duty of the Chancellor, on petition of the ordinary, to imprison any one who had remained under the major excommunication for forty days.—F. D. M.

p. 76, T. 374. *Unde versus*, &c. In Wyclif's *Latin Sermons* (I. 248), the memorial verse is but of one line:—"Doc. consul. castig. solare, remitte, fer, ora." This is no doubt one of the school helps to memory. It will be noticed that while L. keeps to this order, which is also that of the tract printed by Mr. Arnold (*S. E. W.*, III. 177), T. departs from the order of its own verse, and puts prayer out of place.

The author of L. is more diffuse in his exhortation, but he has not the poetic fervour which breaks out in the verse T., 376/379.—F. D. M.

p. 76/77, C. 124, and P. 176. It will be noticed that C. confines the term "principal" to the theological virtues, while he distinguishes the moral virtues as "cardinal"; P., on the other hand, while marking off the theological virtues from the others, includes them all under "principal."

p. 82, L. 1224. *in here abyte of hire ordre*. Wyclif inveighs very sharply against this claim on the part of the friars,¹ which as regards the Franciscans had in some degree received the papal sanction in the early part of the century. Wadding, reciting indulgences granted by Clement V. in 1313, says—"Et sepeliendis in habitu Minorum quartam partem omnium peccatorum remisit."² It was also a subject of "invective" on the part of the Lollards. Thus Jacke Upland:—

"Why make ye men beleewe
that he that is buried
in your habit
shal never come in hel?"³

We may judge from the reply of Friar Dan Topias, that he felt the question an awkward one:—

"Jak, that frere was over lewid
that lernede the this lessoun
or on thi fioul fantasie
thou faynyst this fable.
Ffor Austyns ne prechours
proponen no siche pointis.

whether the carmes of her copes
mayntenen siche an errour,
or whether seint Fraunce
hath geten to his habite
that vertu be his grace
witterly me ne wote."⁴

Bishop Latimer, in 1536, preaching before the Convocation of Canterbury, speaks of purgatory being "swaged and cooled with a Franciscan's cowl put upon a dead man's back to the fourth part of his sins."⁵

Bloxam (*Gothic Eccles. Architecture*, ed. 1882, II. p. 289-90) figures and describes a fourteenth century monument of a knight in chain-mail, and over it the Franciscan cowl, hood, and knotted cord:—

"And they, who to be sure of Paradise
Dying, put on the weeds of Dominic,
Or in Franciscan thought to pass disguised."

The practice has survived among Roman Catholics:—"He died in the Dominican habit" (*Memoir of William Henry Wilberforce*, by Cardinal Newman, p. 15, 1873).

¹ See for example, *Polemical Works* (Buddensieg), pp. 143 and 306.

² *Annales Minorum* (Lugduni, 1636), III. 148. ³ *Political Poems*, II. 21.

⁴ *Id.* 82. ⁵ *Sermons of Bp. Latimer*, P. S. I., 50.

p. 82, **L.** 1225. *parlows* :—

“Youre preching is perilouse
It poiseneth sone.”

Dan Topias (to Jacke Upland), *Pol. Poems*, 2513.

p. 86, **T.** 451. *The seven capital sins*. It will be noticed that here, as with the Virtues, the order differs, the two English agreeing together to follow the order of **P.** The **C.** order is adopted by Wyclif in the *Triologus* (p. 160), as in his tract, “On the Seven Deadly Sins,” where he gives a reason for this arrangement :—“þo fende, and þo worlde, and monnes owne flesche, stiren hym to coveyte ageynes God’s wille. And so iche one of þes haves thre synnes, ffor ich one takes at other, and þese maken seven. Pride envye and wrath ben synnes of þo fende; wrathe slouth and avarice ben synnes of þo world; avarice and gloterye, and þo synne of lecherye ben synnes of þo flesche.”—*S. E. W.*, III. 121.—**F. D. M.**

p. 88, **T.** 452. Dan Michel in the *Ayenbite*, or rather the author of his French original,¹ refers to the ‘Book of the seeings of my Lord Saint Iohn’ (Rev. xiii.), and his vision of the Beast with seven heads and ten horns as betokening the seven head sins (“þe zeuen hauedliche zennes”) and prefaces his interpretation of the prophecy with the warning that it scarcely happens that one does not fall into the throat of one of the seven heads.²

It is more probable that the name of head sins is a translation of the Latin *Peccata capitalia*.

p. 94, **T.** 537, 538. Job v. 7 runs in the Vulgate :—“Homo nascitur ad laborem, et avis ad volatum.”

p. 94, **T.** 549. *leue*—permission. In the use of this word we find a further example of the way in which marriage was often regarded in the Middle Ages, in contrast with the greater theoretical sanctity of celibate life. Cf. *ante*, **T.** 518 :—“other than the sacrement of matermony excuse,” and the corresponding Latin of the Convocation: *quam sacramentum matrimonii non excusat*. “Matrimonium coelibatui postponendum.”—*Conc. Trid.*, S. c. x. See also *Montanus against Marriage*, I. 83 a. Cf. 1 Tim. iv. 3 : “forbidding to marry.”

p. 97, **L.** 1409. *grettyst synne is in prestis*. **L.** as usual does not spare the priests. **T.** does not enlarge upon their sin, and this very possibly from no desire to screen them, but because it was intended for the lay folk, and to warn them as to what more directly concerned their own order. There is no such reticence in the *Handlyng Synne*, though it was intended “for lewde men.” In reference to this sin it says :—

“A clerk, 3yf he ordrede be,	And chastyse ouþere of swyche drede,
Hys synne ys more þan ouþer pre,	And þarto mochil more kan
For he douþ þat he shulde forbede	Þan a noþer ³ lewede man.”

H. S., 7408-13.

¹ *Ayenbite*, 14 (notes), p. 272.

² “Vor onneape yualþ (/) þet me ne ualþ (/) in-to þe prote (/) of zome : of þe zeue heauedes.”—*Id.* p. 15.

³ “Another” is used substantively, as in *A. V.* : “There were also two other, malefactors, led with him.”—*St. Luke* xxiii. 32.

GLOSSARY.

- A, *adj. num.* one, T. 84, 95, 127.
 Acorde, *v.* to be suitable to, to befit, L. 298.
 Afty, *prep.* according to, L. 314, 321, &c.
 Agayn, *prep.* contrary to, against, L. 813.
 Agreuyd, *pp.* burdened (in conscience), L. 947.
 Alanely, *adv.* only, alone, T. 399.
 Alegeaunce, *s.* alleviation, T. 332 (Aleggaunce, L. 1045).
 Alkyn, *adj.* all manner, T. 315.
 Alkyns, *adj.* all kinds, T. 542.
 Allane, *adj.* one, T. 100.
 Als, *conj.* as, for example, T. 511.
 Als — als, *conj.* as — as, T. 209, 210.
 Anely, *adv.* only, alone, T. 398.
 Antecrist, *s.* Antichrist, L. 212, 315, 322.
 Anoye, *s.* ennui, disgust, T. 525.
 Ar, 3 *p. pl.* = are, L. 286.
 Archebyschop, *s.* Archbishop, L. 391.
 Archiepyschop, *s.* Archbishop, L. 49.
 Arn, 3 *per. pl.* are, L. 104, 639, 1299.
 Aselyd, *pp.* sealed, L. 890.
 Askyngkys, *s. pl.* things asked for, petitions (note the Midland *k*), L. 68.
 A-spye, *subj. pl.* 3 *per.* enquire, ascertain, L. 384.
 Assethe, *s.* satisfaction, restitution, T. 246.
 Assoiled, *pp.* absolved, T. 245.
 At, *sign of infinitive*, to [see note, p. 295, *Lay Folks' Mass Book*], T. 208, 321 (L. 2, 1034).
 At, *prep.* to, L. 35, 735.
 At, *conj.* that, T. 516.
 At, *pron. rel.* that, which, T. 209, 246, 516.
 Athe, *s.* oath, T. 255.
 Attanasy, Athanasius, L. 227.
 Auantyng, *s.* boasting, speaking with vanity (*Lat.* vanus), T. 467.
 Auaunt-makyng, *s.* vain boasting, L. 1315.
 Aughtand, *adj. num.* eighth, T. 225.
 Auerous, *adj.* avaricious (*Lat.* avarus), L. 750, 754.
 Augh, *pr. pl. impers.* ought, T. 171, 262, 365, 419.
 Augh, *pr. pl.* 1 *per.* owe, T. 418.
 Augh, *pr. s.* ought, is bound to, T. 273.
 Aught, *pr. s.* ought, T. 320.
 Aught, *pr. s. impers.* ought, T. 325.
 Auoutry, *s.* explained by spouse-brek, T. 551.
 Avowtry, *s.* adultery, L. 762.
 Awe, *impers.* ought, T. 106.
 Awe, *v. pers. pl.* ought, T. 191.
 Ay, *adv.* aye, ever, T. 477.
 Aynlepi, *adj.* single, unmarried, T. 547.
 Aȝen, *prep.* against, L. 1284.
 Aȝens, *prep.* against, L. 133.
 Aȝens, *prep.* anent, concerning, L. 394.
 Aȝenst, *prep.* against, L. 159, 1286.
 Bacbite, *pr. pl.* 1 *per.* backbite, T. 210.
 Bacbityng, *s.* backbiting, T. 478.
 Bakbyters, *s. pl.* backbiters, L. 734, 798.
 Bathe, *adv. or conj.* both, T. 127, 161, 385.
 Bathe, *adv.* both, equally, alike, T. 386.

- Bathe, *dual adj.* both, T. 400.
 Be-heet, *pt. pl.* 1 *per.* promised, L. 1211.
 Be, *prep.* by, on account, T. 41, L. 47.
 Be, *prep.* by means of, T. 511.
 Be, *pr. pl.* are, L. 195.
 Bedreden, *adj.* bedridden, L. 639, 810.
 Behotys, *pr. s.* promises, L. 1251.
 Behoues, *pr. s.* behoves, requires, T. 310.
 Behoues, *impers.* behoves, requires, T. 349.
 Behouely, *adv.* when need requires, befittingly, T. 185.
 Be-houys, *impers.* behoves, L. 330, 368, 1023.
 Beleue, *s.* faith, belief, L. 223.
 Ben, *pr. pl.* are, L. 168, 187, 238, 244, &c.
 Besily, *adv.* diligently, L. 384.
 Bestad, *adj.* bestead, hard pressed, L. 516.
 Blinnes, *pr. s.* ceases, T. 32, 397.
 Bolnyng, *verbal subs.* swelling [Exod. ix. 31], T. 484.
 Bonchef, *s.* prosperity, good fortune, L. 650.
 Bone, *s.* boon, the thing granted, L. 139.
 Boste, *v.* to boast, L. 313.
 Bot, *conj.* unless, except, T. 450.
 Bot if, *conj.* unless, T. 246.
 Bothe—bothe, *dual adj.* L. 1191.
 Bother, *dual adj. gen.* of both, T. 344.
 Brenne, *v.* to burn, L. 923.
 Brennynge, *part. pres.* L. 927.
 But, *conj.* unless, L. 126, 167, &c.
 Buth, *pr. pl.* are (*see* Ben), L. 173.
 Buxom, *adj.* submissive, obedient, docile, T. 203, L. 82.
 By, *v.* to redeem, L. 290.
 Cald, *pp.* called, styled, named, T. 307, 452, 454.
 Can, *pr. pl. subj.* if we know, T. 373.
 Castys, *pr. s.* devises, plots, L. 1097.
 Castys, *s. pl.* devices, schemes, L. 139.
 Catell, *s.* property, T. 229, 242, &c.
 Chargis, *pr. s.* values, esteems, L. 1144.
 Charite, *s.* love of Christ to man, L. 618.
 Chastyte, *s.* chastity. The vow of chastity, whether in marriage or religion. L. 763.
 Chese, *v.* to choose, T. 429, L. 1277.
 Childyr, *s. pl.* children, L. 286.
 Chydyng, *s.* chiding, contention, quarrelling, L. 1366.
 Clatheless, *adj.* naked, T. 356.
 Clepyd, *pp.* called, L. 1020.
 Clerk, *s.* scholar, T. 1, 11.
 Cloþ, *s.* clothing, garment, L. 668, 1243.
 Clowtyd, *pp.* added, tacked on, L. 176.
 Comen, *adj.* common to, L. 261.
 Commonys, *pr. s.* has part with, L. 324.
 Communers, *s. pl.* partakers, T. 9.
 Compas, *v.* to contrive, plan, T. 501 (To kast, L. 1349).
 Conandly, *adv.* intelligently, clearly, T. 574 (kunnyngly, L. 1426).
 Conandnesse, *s.* mind, secret inclination, T. 514.
 Confermyng, *s.* the sacrament of confirmation, T. 299.
 Confort, *v.* to strengthen, to support, L. 686.
 Coniurisons, *s. pl.* conjurations, T. 179 (coniuryng, L. 546).
 Contraryyd, *pt. s.* acted the contrary part to, L. 185.
 Cope, *s.* the monastic habit or *cappa*, L. 1232.
 Crede of þe chyrche = Nicene Creed, L. 226.
 Cristen, *adj.* Christian, T. 119.
 Cristen, *adv.* christianly, T. 390.
 Cristenly, *adv.* christianly, T. 204.
 Cristyndom, *s.* baptism, L. 560, 561, 1211.
 Crokyd, *adj.* crooked, bent double with age, lame, L. 640.
 Cun, *v.* to con, to learn by heart, L. 230, 380.
 Customyd, *pp.* habitually practised, L. 1407.
 Dampnyng, *s.* damnation, L. 186.
 Debat, *s.* strife, dissension, L. 636, 735.
 Dede, *s.* death, T. 108.
 Defaitor, *s.* fault, defect, T. 38.

- Defawte, *s.* defect, omission.
 Demynge, *s.* judgment, condemnation, L. 1325.
 Depart, *v.* to sunder, L. 1275.
 Dere, *v.* to injure, L. 831.
 Dere, *adj.* dear, precious, T. 407.
 Desesed, *pp.* deprived, dispossessed, T. 252.
 Despit, *s.*, L. 1410.
 Despite, *s.* contumely, T. 468.
 Dette, *s.* duty, T. 41, L. 47.
 Dettours, *s. pl.* debtors, L. 123, 131.
 Dettys, *s. pl.* debts, trespasses, L. 123, 130.
 Devowt, *adj.* helpful to devotion, L. 203.
 Dey, *v.* to die, L. 157.
 Disese, *s.* distress, L. 1149.
 Doluen, *pp.* buried, *pp.* of delve, to dig, to bury, T. 138.
 Don, *pp.* slain, L. 291.
 Doynge out = *part. pres.* casting out, excommunicating, T. 323, L. 1036.
 Dryt, *s.* dirt, L. 771.
 Dyscrecioun, *s.* power to discern, L. 620.
- Eche day, *adj.* daily, L. 108, 115.
 Eld, *s.* age, T. 65.
 Eldrys, *s. pl.* parents, L. 710.
 Enquestes, *s. pl.* courts of inquest, enquiry, T. 249.
 Eny, *adj.* any, L. 208.
 Er, *pr. pl.* are, T. 55.
 Eschewe, *v.* to eschew, avoid, beware of, L. 348.
 Ese, *s.* ease, sloth, idleness, T. 539.
 Euen, *adj.* equal, T. 89, 92.
 Euen-cristen, *s.* fellow Christian, T. 56, 229.
 Euynhede, *s.* equanimity, L. 1290.
- Faes, *s. pl.* foes, T. 436 (Foys, L. 1284).
 Falles, *pr. pl.* pertain, T. 53, 78, &c.
 Fand, *v.* to endeavour, T. 458.
 Fandes, *pr. pl.* attempt, T. 211.
 Fare, *s.* fortune, hap, T. 435.
 Felaschype, *s.* fellowship, L. 418.
 Felawred, *s.* fellowship, T. 101.
 Feyþ, *s.* the Faith, L. 370.
 Filed, *pp.* defiled, T. 279.
 Flityng, *s.* contention, chiding, T. 487.
- Fole, *adj.* foul, unclean, T. 442.
 Foly, *v.* to work folly, T. 215, L. 755.
 Fonde, *v.* to endeavour, L. 1306.
 Fondyng, *s.* temptation, L. 1285.
 For, *adv.* because, T. 10, L. 10, 114, 116, &c.
 Fordo, *v.* to destroy, T. 489.
 Forhoue, *v.* to forsake, T. 449.
 Forloke, *s.* foreknowledge, T. 143.
 Forme-fadirs, forefathers, T. 21.
 Forme-fadyr, T. 16.
 Forthi, *adv.* because, T. 33.
 Forthynking, *s.* repentance, T. 308.
 Forthynk, *v.* to repent of, L. 1230.
 Forþynkyng, *s.* vexation, repining, L. 1319.
 Foster, *v.* to foster, nourish, bring up, T. 199.
 Foughel, *s.* fowl, bird, T. 538.
 Fourtied, *adj.* fortieth, T. 152.
 Fredam, *s.* freedom, L. 161.
 Fremned, *adj.* strange, T. 216.
 Fresched, *pp.* refreshed, invigorated, nourished, strengthened, L. 119.
 Froward, *adj.* perverse, L. 727, 767, &c.
 Froyt, *s.* fruit, L. 201.
 Furst, *adv.* first, in the first place, L. 214, 255, &c.
 Fynd, *s.* fiend, L. 496, &c.
 Fyrst, *adj.* first, L. 240, &c.
- Gastely, *adj.* ghostly, spiritual, T. 364.
 Gastely, *adv.* spiritually, T. 455.
 Genderyng, *s.* bringing forth, L. 199.
 General, *adj.* Catholic, L. 306.
 Gere, *v.* to cause, T. 250.
 Ger, *pr. s. subj.* require, T. 497.
 Gilery, *s.* guile, deceit, T. 512.
 Gloseris, *s. pl.* commentators (usually, but here) makers of false interpretations, L. 855, 856.
 Godspel, *s.* gospel, T. 573.
 Godys seruysse = Divine Office = The Breviary, L. 569, 573.
 Gretynge, *s.* greeting, salutation; here, the "Hail Mary," L. 163.
 Gretyþ, *pr. pl.* salute, L. 163.
 Grucchis, *pr. s.* grudges, dislikes, L. 322.
 Gruechyngge, *s.* murmuring, L. 642, 740.

Haldes, *pr. s.* retains, keeps possession of, T. 521, 523.

Hale, *adj.* whole, T. 323.

Hali, *adj.* whole, undivided, T. 100.

Halowes, *s. pl.* saints, T. 193.

Ham, *pron.* them, L. 329.

Hanked, *pp.* bound, entangled, T. 456. Cf. "a hank of yarns."

Hatten, *pp.* called, T. 470.

Haue, *v.* to behave, T. 383.

Haueing, *s.* means, wealth, competence, T. 213.

Haunted, *pp.* practised, T. 534.

Hauntynge, *s.* practising, indulging, L. 654.

Hede, *v.* to restrain, to hold back, T. 441.

Hede, *s.* care, charge, T. 200.

Held, *pp.* remained entire, T. 134.

Hele, *s.* salvation, T. 104, 570, L. 1422.

Hele, *s.* health of body, T. 333, L. 1280.

Hele, *adj.* saved, in the way of salvation, T. 105.

Hele, *v.* to heal, L. 522.

Hele, *v.* to cover, to clothe, L. 1088.

Helyng, *s.* concealing, T. 223.

Herber, *v.* to harbour, to lodge, T. 357.

Herberwze, *v.* to harbour, to lodge, L. 1072.

Herberwzles, *adj.* homeless, L. 1072, 1116.

Here, *pron.* their, L. 326, 421, &c.

Here, *pron. acc. fem.* her, L. 706, 707, &c.

Here, *adv.* here, L. 317, 324.

Here-fore, *adv.* for this reason, L. 66, 146.

Herer, *s.* hearer, listener, T. 482.

Heried, *pt. s.* harrowed, despoiled, T. 141. A.S. hergian, from here, army.

Hertles, *adj.* listless, half-hearted, L. 1375.

Hertly, *adv.* at heart, in the heart, T. 525.

Heste, *s.* commandment, L. 606, 770, &c.

Hestys, *s. pl.* commands, L. 564.

Hethen, *adv.* hence, T. 335.

Heþyn, *s.* heathen, L. 718.

Heued synnes = Capital or deadly sins, T. 448.

Heued thewes = Cardinal and Theological virtues, T. 382.

Heyl, *adj.* saved, L. 422.

Heynes, *s.* high station, L. 313.

Heyzed, *pp.* raised aloft, L. 102.

Hire, *pron. pers.* her, L. 285, &c.

Hire, *pron. pers.* their, L. 1224.

Holly, *adv.* wholly, L. 417, 976.

Holour, *s.* whoremonger, L. 782.

Homly, *adj.* familiar, L. 178.

Hool, *adj.* whole, entire, L. 449.

Hym, *per. pron. acc. pl.* them, L. 389.

Hyre, *s.* hire, wages, reward, L. 928.

Hyȝ, *adj.* high, L. 87.

Iche on, *pron.* each one, L. 309.

Ilk, *adj.* same, T. 10.

Ilke, *adj.* same, T. 112.

Inwyttys, *s. pl.* interior senses or faculties, L. 349.

Iues, *s. pl.* Jews, T. 133.

Jugge, *v.* to adjudge, L. 301.

Kast, *v.* to cast about, to plan, L. 1349.

Kende, *s.* nature, L. 271, 275, 279, 470, 473, &c.

Kendly, *adv.* naturally, L. 1386, 1387.

Kennd, *pp.* manifested, T. 559.

Kennes, *pr. s.* makes to know, T. 426.

Kepe, *v.* to have the cure, or care of, T. 39, L. 45.

Kepe, *v.* to keep, to preserve, L. 160.

Kepyng, *s.* charge, care, T. 60.

Kindly, *adv.* by nature, naturally, T. 538.

Knaue, *s.* manservant, T. 239, L. 861.

Knawe, *v.* to know, T. 449.

Knowyn, *pp.* made known, L. 1038.

Knowyn, *pp.* acquainted, knowyn with, acquainted with, L. 178.

Kun, *v.* to learn by heart, T. 31, 63, 69, 563.

Kunnandly, *adv.*, T. 571. See conandly.

Kynd, *s.* nature, T. 154, 157.

Kyns, *s.* kind, sort, T. 507.

- Larnynge, *pres. part.* teaching, L. 34.
 Lathe, *adj.* loth, disinclined, T. 535.
 Latsumnesse, *s.* delay, tardiness, T. 528, L. 1377.
 Lawed, *s.* a layman, T. 293.
 Lefte, *pt. s.* left out, omitted, L. 177, 181.
 Leful, *adj.* allowable, L. 336.
 Lefully, *adv.* allowably, L. 134.
 Lere, *pr. pl. subj.* learn, T. 62, L. 379.
 Lered, *adj.* instructed, T. 34.
 Lered, *s.* a cleric, T. 293.
 Lerne, *v.* to teach, L. 236.
 Leryng, *s.* teaching, instruction, T. 38.
 Lese, *pr. pl. subj.* lose, T. 251.
 Lese, *v.* to lose, impair, L. 269.
 Leste, *adj. superl.* least, L. 246.
 Lesynggys, *s. pl.* leasings, lies, L. 734.
 Lettys, *pr. pl.* hinder, let, L. 1166, 1291, T. 442, 532, &c.
 Leue, L. 204. Is not this passage obscure? How can it mean to establish on a firm foundation—"to grounde hem" = to leave off, "leue," to add this. Is it a misreading for "graunte hem leue" [= permission] to adde þis"? (Is it not "to place their permission on firm ground;" like "grounding" a boat; "to justify" their addition?—H.E.N.)
 Leue, *imp. sing.* 2 *per.* leave, give up, L. 873.
 Leue, *v.* to live, L. 314, 321, &c.
 Lene, *pr. pl. 1 per. subj.* believe in, T. 174.
 Leuefull, *adj.* permissible, T. 289.
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